

WEATHER SYNOPSIS

An ocean storm is now centered over the Gulf of Alaska and is causing unsettled, mild weather over this Province. Cloudy, milder weather prevails in the Prairies.

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MAY EVERY CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS WAIT ON ALL

Fire Tears Through Offices of President Hoover With Loss of Many Documents

LOOT BANKS AND GET OFF WITH MONEY

Bandits at Vancouver Stage Two Daring Holdups and Get Away With Considerable Sums of Cash

ONE IS CAPTURED BY QUICK ACTION

Other Desperadoes Tie Up Two of Staff and One Customer and Make Off and Are Not Taken

VANCOUVER Dec. 24.—Gunmen made Christmas a terror to Vancouver banks. At 10:15 a.m. the Robson and Hornby Street branch of the Dominion Bank was entered by a lone bandit who stood two of the staff against the wall and escaped with some twelve hundred dollars. He was run down by police and captured along with his loot in less than an hour. At 1 p.m. two desperadoes held up the Royal Bank branch on Sixteenth Avenue and Robson Street, tied up two of the staff and one customer with piano wire and escaped with about one thousand dollars. Police are still looking for them.

PLUCKY MESSENGER BOY

The fleetness of a fourteen-year-old messenger boy, Herman Gann, was largely responsible for the quick capture of the first robber. The lad outstripped other pursuers and pointed out the house in which the man took refuge. There was a baton attached to the case of this

His gun, it was learned after his capture, had pellets of lead instead of bullets forced into the mouths of the cylinders to give it the appearance of being loaded.

He gave his name as Frank Burrow, twenty-seven, but added: "That's not my real name; I will give it when I'm asked." He said he thought of his relatives to be polled."

He said he was married and had one child. Even as he bank staff at bay with his gun he made an appeal. "I've got a wife and child; give me a getaway; give me a break," he pleaded.

The Royal Bank robbers were not efficient. They stopped immediate pursuit by tying up their victims and used a car for their getaway.

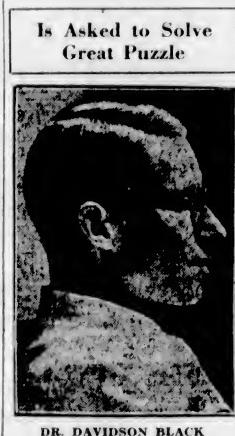
C.N.R. Chief Is Satisfied With Trip to London

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Highly satisfied with the results of his short visit to England, where he interviewed officers of the railway and men prominent in Governmental and financial circles, Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National system, arrived here yesterday. Sir Henry is coming Monday, and will go to Ottawa, where he will meet the Hon. Charles Dunning, Canadian Minister of Finance, who also is acting Minister of Railways.

"The failure of Canada's wheat crop to move has resulted in decreased grain revenues for both of our country's transcontinental systems," said Sir Henry. "In effect, however, it must be taken too seriously by more than should the recent movements of the stock market, the latter a temporary condition resulting from over-speculation."

QUELL MUTINY WITH SOLDIERS ON MACAO ISLE

Portuguese Troops Fire on Number of Men Who Had Mutinied and Force Them to Evacuate Works



Is Asked to Solve Great Puzzle

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND IS HOMELY

From King to Humblest Subject Yuletide Celebrations Are Homely and Old-Fashioned

KING AND QUEEN AT SANDRINGHAM

House of Commons Holds Sittings on Christmas Eve for First Time in Nearly Forty Years

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Old England, from the King to his humblest subject, tonight began to celebrate its traditionally homely Christmas holiday. From the seclusion of fire-side celebration Englishmen will not emerge until the day after Christmas. The day will be observed as usual with feasting and family reunions, whose joy will not be greatly dampened by such national ills as unemployment and stock exchange slumps.

There will be a virtually complete suspension of outside activities on the Christmas Day. Theatres and cinemas will not open, newspapers will not be published, and transportation companies will cease to operate or will maintain only scanty skeleton schedules.

AT SANDRINGHAM

At Sandringham, the royal retreat in Norfolk, the royal family gathered in the small family group gathered for a homely royal Christmas celebration, which is the first to be held since the war for all the members.

Little Princess Elizabeth, King George's favorite grandchild, and the two young sons of Princess Mary will supply the juvenile touch and add gaiety to the occasion.

The country will get out into the open air in the days after Christmas for the holiday joints of Boxing Day, when servants traditionally receive their just rewards in largesse from the gentry, and outdoor amusements resume their sway.

HOUSE HOLDS SITTING

The hard-working House of Commons had its nose kept to the grindstone until late on Christmas Eve, because the Opposition parties wanted to air their views on such

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FIGURES MADE PUBLIC

Mr. Chambers said, in part: "The danger in publishing figures, such as was done by the Committee of Direction, is in creating in the minds of growers an over optimistic idea as to what he is going to finally receive for his crops."

Mr. Chambers was referring to Mr. Black's statement that the price of apples last year averaged \$3.16.

"Anyone will admit," he continued, "that the grower is entitled to the fullest information as to

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**INCOME TAX CASE
IS NOW SETTLED**

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Settlement out of court has been effected of a claim by the King, suing in the right of the Province of British Columbia, against Joseph Celoni, Vancouver, for \$3,330 income taxes.

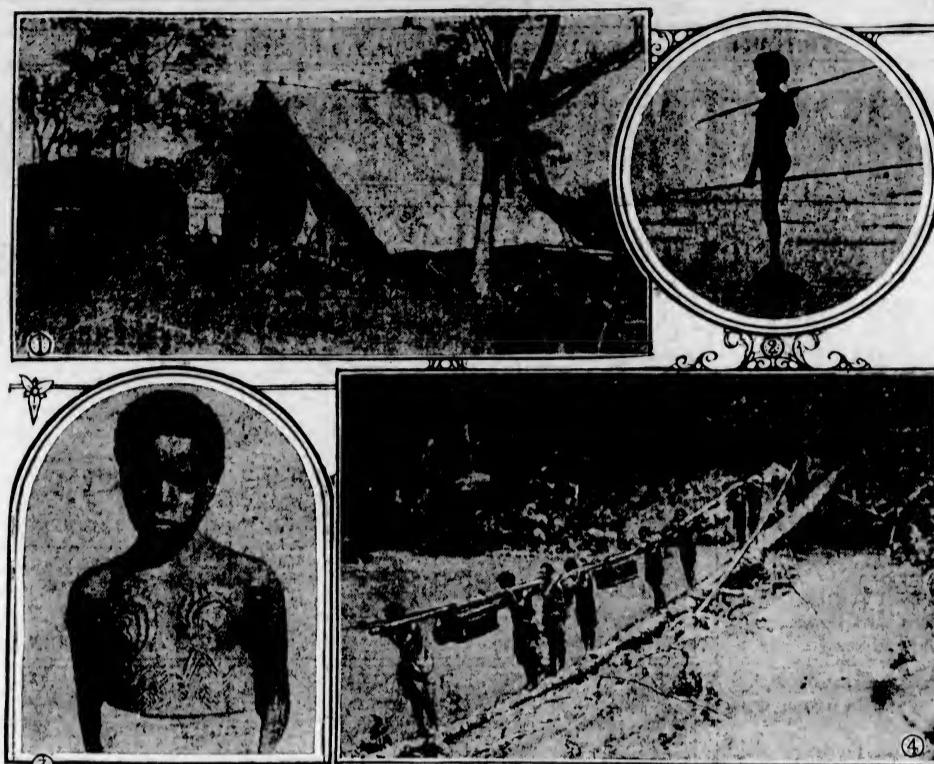
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Where They Still Hunt for Human Heads



HEAD-HUNTERS are still numerous in the interior of the island of New Guinea, just north of Australia, according to George R. Harland, who passed through Canada on his way to Edinburgh, Scotland. In the illustration Mr. Harland is seen at his New Guinea camp in No. 1, while No. 2 shows a native spearing fish off Cape Vogel. The peculiar skin markings in No. 3 are developed by rubbing clay into wounds made with seashells. Picture No. 4 shows the party crossing a primitive bridge while traveling through the swampy jungles of the interior. Mr. Harland, who completed a survey of conditions in British Guinea for British interests, said in explaining the technique of the head-hunter: "He gets a grudge against somebody, and he demands that somebody's head. If he gets the best of the preliminary argument he proceeds to cut off the head of his enemy with a stone axe. He carries the head to his village, mounts it on a pole and displays it proudly. These New Guineans have a peculiar liking for human heads. For instance, when a man's wife dies he cuts off the dead woman's head, makes a very lifelike, clay cast of it and hangs this cast up in his hut, for the second wife to look at."

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questions as British policy in Egypt, the Singapore naval base and Government finances. It was the first time in nearly forty years that the House had met on Christmas Eve. The members in general did not take the session very seriously, and were content with propounding grave questions about ingredients of Christmas puddings concocted for the parliamentary restaurants, and about the merits and demerits of live oysters served there.

Rights Hon. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Right Hon. Winston Churchill, his Conservative predecessor, exchanged Christmas greetings after an acrimonious tilt over the Labor Minister's financial policy.

Most of the Island was basking in sunshine on Christmas Eve, and there were no signs of a "white Christmas."

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PLOT TO KILL HEAD CITIZEN OF ARGENTINA

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named Gualberto Marini, forty-four. He concealed himself behind a wall bordering the International Road. As the President was driving to the National Palace from his home, Marini sprang out and opened fire.

An employee of the Investigations Office, Carlos Maria Sicilia, was wounded in the stomach and at a hospital tonight it was said that he was injured critically. Another man in the presidential auto was also wounded. President Yrigoyen and his companion, Dr. Meabe, were not injured.

WHY PLOT FAILED

That the plot failed of its purpose was attributed to the quick action of the presidential escort which opened fire and sent a stream of shots. He was killed where he stood and later it was found that seven bullets had entered his body. Some of the officials traveling in the escort automobile attempted to save him in order that he might be brought to trial for his act, but the men charged with guarding the President had been prompt and efficient in removing the danger.

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White House Blaze Washington Thrill

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conqueror R. M. Waller Newton, one of the survivors to the president, expressed the opinion that a bad wire connection had caused the blaze, which flared up after the offices had been closed for the day.

The office of the President was among the worst damaged of all the rooms.

Firemen had made an especial attempt to save that portion of the structure along with the Cabinet room. The offices of Mr. Newton and Mr. George Skerson, another of the President's survivors, were ruined. The stenographer's quarters, the main lobby and press room were completely wrecked.

DIFFICULT TO FIGHT

Sheet-covered, slippery streets confronted the fire department in answering the alarm for the most

**Carnegie Expedition
Nonmagnetic Yacht
Destroyed at Samoa**

The Mason liner Ventura arrived in San Francisco a few days ago with the survivors of the non-magnetic yacht Carnegie, which was destroyed by an unaccounted-for blast in the harbor of Apia. They told how Captain J. Scott, of the yacht, sitting on the quarter deck in a chair at one moment, an instant later was plunged into the water so severely injured that he died in a few minutes. The explosion destroyed the scientific vessel of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D.C., and put four persons into South Sea hospitals with severe injuries.

"I was in the chart room of the Carnegie on observation duty," said Mr. P. M. Soule, one of the scientists of the expedition. "We had seen the captain on the quarter deck when there was a terrific blast and the first thing I saw was Ault in the water." Soule dived into the water to aid Ault, whom he found mangled but still alive. With the assistance of two other men who also went to Ault's aid, the captain was pulled out of the water, but died before he could be taken to a hospital. The cause of the explosion is unexplained, Soule said. At the time of the blast the Carnegie had been at anchorage at Apia, Samoa, loading gasoline in huge drums, but investigation later showed no one smoking, or any other tangible explanation.

Virtually the same story was told by Mr. W. E. Scott, who was in the chart room of the Carnegie at the time. Scott's first concern was for money and life records on the ship. For approximately a day previous to the explosion records for forty-eight days had been shipped to Pago Pago. Scott was able to save all the vessel's funds.

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of the generations to come, let our hearts go forth in sympathy for and support those who are so earnestly working for the peace of mankind. We have but to look around to realize that in war, the victor suffers equally with the vanquished.

Christmas trees shining inside the executive mansion clashed with the flare of the flashlights of the photographers who swarmed to the scene.

The present White House was designed by James Hoban, and the cornerstone was laid by George Washington in 1792. It is made of freestone.

HOPES PEACE MAY PREVAIL UPON EARTH

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Rev. Bruce G. Gray Tells Victoria Kiwanians That Boyhood Is Greatest Asset of Canada Today

YOUTHFUL GUESTS
RECEIVE PRESENTS

Twenty members of the boys' group which the Kiwanis Club of Victoria has sponsored at the Young Men's Christian Association were guests of honor at the Kiwanis Club luncheon yesterday at the Imperial Hotel, Victoria. The programme was in charge of a committee headed by Kiwanian Harold Hewlett.

Each of the youthful guests was presented with a Christmas gift by Kiwanian J. G. MacFarlane, on behalf of the club, and as the boys received their presents, they were heartily applauded.

"These are a fine looking lot of boys, and we feel certain that they will grow up to be good citizens and good Kiwanians," President J. Brooke Stephenson remarked.

Rev. Bruce G. Gray, assistant minister of First United Church, who addressed the meeting briefly, congratulated the Kiwanis Club upon its keen interest in the welfare of the youth of the land. "The fine men which you will make of these boys will be the greatest dividend you could possibly receive," he said.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The speaker dwelt upon the significance of the Christmas season, observing that it was a time for good will and friendship, that it was the occasion when nations of the world were improving their relations among each other, and that it was the period when "we let our child in the midst of church and community life. I am glad that the Kiwanis Club has the child in their midst."

"Not since the Great War concluded has there been a Christmas when the nations of the world were getting closer together than at the present time," he asserted.

One of the most notable trends of the world today is towards the study of childhood, stated Mr. Gray, in addressing the Kiwanis Club, which the churches, service clubs and many public organizations were rendering in advancing the welfare of the boys. He paid a tribute to the Y.M.C.A., which, he said, was trying to promote understanding and was building a unit in civic and religious life.

THE CHIEF ASSET

Mr. Gray declared that boyhood was the chief asset of Canada, because it was a motive power which was driving Canada to new ends and bringing to her new hopes, it was wrapped up with great possibilities and opportunities, and it was the habit-forming, the creative and the visionary periods in the life of the youth.

"Great decisions for life work are made by the boys. And as they make these important decisions, so will the affairs of the nation be directed in years to come. The great progressive movements of the world have been started by young men and young women," Mr. Gray said.

Mr. Gray was accorded a hearty vote of appreciation for his appropriate message, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

POLICE COURT CASES

David Scotcher appeared for sentence in the City Police Court, yesterday. Magistrate George Jay presided. Scotcher was on trial for his imprisonment for theft of an automobile, and one year for attempt to break into a store, both sentences run concurrently.

For failing to produce a driver's licence when duly called upon to do so, James Bailey was fined \$5; and for failing to stop her car at a stop sign on Quadra Street, Mrs. G. N. Hall was fined like amount. James Dowker, for failing to stop his car in the rear of a street car, was fined \$10.

Stanley Walker was remanded to December 26 on a charge of obtaining \$15 from W. G. Leckie on a forged cheque. May Haler was remanded to December 27 to stand trial for a charge of misappropriating certain household goods.

Merry Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS

Our spiritual advisers do not find it necessary to urge upon us the duty of honoring Christmas with due observance. If the universal voice of Christendom could be heard it would probably acclaim Christmas as the greatest of all holy days. Many there are who would consider it a smaller fault to break the Sabbath than to profane Christmas Day by ignoring it.

This blessed anniversary is welcomed and celebrated with whole-hearted devotion by all classes.

Somewhat we all believe in it and love it, poor and rich, sceptic and believer, saint and worldling churchman and careless Gallo, learned and unlearned, young and old. Christmas, the children's day of days, homely, personal, intimate, goes straight to the hearts of all.

Christmas confers its blessings, perhaps its chief blessings, upon family life, but the subtle magic of the day is felt throughout the whole of community life. It softens the tone of neighborly intercourse, it softens the asperities of economic and political life, it seasons social justice with mercy, it provides the rich with both motive and excuse to share their wealth with others, it tends to adjust the inequalities of fortune, for the moment at least, by bestowing a sacramental grace upon the smallest gift; it makes us aware of the gallantry which underlies an unobtrusive act of courtesy however unconventionally performed; it outlaws and banishes the scoff and the cynic, produces in us all a change of heart, and invites us to happiness around the family hearth fire.

THE CHILDREN'S BALL

The annual Children's Fancy Dress Ball, held by the Navy League Chapter of the Daughters of Empire in the Empress Hotel, an event which this year takes place next Friday, is of a character which has no parallel in the Dominion. It has now been held here for fourteen years and its popularity is established. This year the proceeds go towards providing money for the secondary education of the children of returned soldiers, and for other patriotic plans. It is a happy idea that children should be given this opportunity of helping other children, and it is a knowledge that will render them all the keener to attend the annual celebration of Christmastide provided by the Daughters of Empire. This annual dance further enhances interest in the colorful Christmas festivities which have their centre at the Empress Hotel. This year the hope is that the attendance will exceed all previous records.

TEXTBOOKS IN SCHOOLS

In a discussion regarding textbooks in use in the public schools of this country at a conference of educational authorities held in Toronto, Premier Anderson of Saskatchewan said: "The teachers are appallingly uninformed and misinformed about the country in which they live." This is a very grave indictment and Premier Anderson should give detailed instances of what he means. If he is correct, even in part, then the method of training teachers seems in need of revision.

What all the provinces are agreed upon is that a revision of textbooks is desirable. There is no such uniformity of opinion on the subject of having standard textbooks for the whole of the Dominion, because the belief exists that provincial authorities will not surrender their jurisdiction over these. The fact that the subject has arisen may act as a spur to our own educationists to produce such textbooks as will remove the slur cast on our educational system, in that for some purely routine subjects they go abroad to secure the textbooks for use in the schools. Another aspect of the discussion is the necessity for the educational authorities in each province exercising better judgment in the textbooks selected for the use of children in this country. Reform in this particular is now taking place in British Columbia. It should be persisted in until the matters complained of so widely are fully amended.

SUPER-UNIVERSES

Our own universe of stars is about fifteen hundred million million miles across, but there are still larger things scattered around through space. These are the super-universes, or galaxies, according to Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory, in a recent lecture before the American Society for the Advancement of Science. Outside our own galaxy, there are thousands of independent ones. Some of these appear as spiral nebulae. Others, like the two Magellanic clouds, visible to the unaided eye from southern countries, are more irregular. Dr. Shapley has himself demonstrated that these two clouds are at vast distances, so far that they are definitely outside our own universe.

At the Mount Wilson Observatory, another astronomer, Dr. Edwin Hubble, has made measurements of the distance of two of the closest of the spiral nebulae. He has proved that they are also outside our galaxy, and are made up, like our own, of a vast number of stars. "The measures of dimension show that our own galaxy appears to be from ten to twenty times the diameter of any of the others with which we are acquainted," said Dr. Shapley, "with the exception of the Andromeda Nebula, which may be a fifth as large as our system. In the oceans of space, our galaxy appears to be a continent, whereas the hundreds of thousands of extra galactic nebulae may be termed 'island universes,' as Herchell and others termed them a hundred years ago."

These islands are not isolated, Dr. Shapley declares. Taking only a small region of the Heavens, that between Betelgeuse and the

Northernmost star in Orion down to the three stars known as the warrior's belt, his analysis has shown that area to contain between two and three hundred galaxies. Lying in the same direction, though much more remote are at least three other clouds of galaxies, indicating a scattering of such systems through space as far as can be fathomed. As if to stagger all mental conception of the vastness of the universe which stud space, Dr. Shapley adds: "The remotest galaxies we study are more than a hundred million light years distant. One galaxy, known as the Coma-Virgo region, is ten million light years away and extends throughout two million light years of space."

When criticism of educational methods comes from such a source as Chicago it is well worth listening to, for that American city is a living exemplar of how much may be wrong with the upbringing of the present generation. Dr. G. J. Laing, the dean of the graduate school of art and literature of the University of Chicago, says the average college graduate of today is an "inferior product" as compared with the college graduate of a generation ago. He wants the college curriculum radically revised. He wants an end put to the "softness, sloppiness and flabbiness" of the mental processes of the students. The new doctrinaire in psychology and kindred subjects have a good deal to answer for in stifling mental processes. Times have changed since the olden days when greater attention was paid to Latin and Greek and mathematics, which, says Dr. Laing, discipline the mind and train it for hard work.

Captain S. G. S. McNeil of the S.S. Mauretania met his first shipping mishap in thirty-five years when his vessel some days ago collided with a car float in New York harbor. "What a sidelight upon British seamanship," says The Ottawa Journal. "To bring a giant ocean liner up New York harbor and dock her safely is a task of tremendous skill. What with other great ships lying here, there and everywhere, as thickly as trees in the forest, with tramps and yachts and ferries and tugs, the art of placing a mighty ship of tens of thousands of tons within a specified small space demands the highest in seamanship. Yet here we have this old British sea dog, Captain McNeil, who in the past thirty-five years must have sailed up New York harbor more than 400 times, with a record of one slight mishap. Truly it is a marvelous record."

British Labor Government, although only some six months in office, has already proved it is endowed with spendthrift zeal. It bids fair to earn the title in political history of the biggest eleemosynary institution ever in office, and the tax burdens of the British people will record the fact.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, at 8 p.m., December 24, 1929.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES

	Rain Min. Max.
Victoria	.07 44 52
Nanaimo	1.29 45 50
Vancouver	.72 44 50
Kamloops	.34 48
Prince George	1.54 44 50
Estevan Point	3.24 40
Prince Rupert	.32 38 46
Allerton	.4 6
Dawson	.50 40
Seattle	.48 56
Portland	.48 56
San Francisco	.44 58
Spokane	.38 48
Los Angeles	.54 62
Penticton	.35 45
Nelson	.07 34 40
Cranbrook	.35 41
Calgary	.20 48
Edmonton	.18 36
Swift Current	.10 38
Prince Albert	.05 18
Qu'Appelle	.2 18
Winnipeg	.16 24

FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to high southerly winds; unsettled and mild, with rain.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Fresh to high southerly winds on the gulf; unsettled and mild, with rain.

TUESDAY

Maximum 52
Minimum 44
Average 48
Minimum on the grass 39
General state of weather, cloudy. Rain, .07 inch.

5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.76; wind, E. 8 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.74; wind, S.E. 8 miles; raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.58; wind, E. 6 miles; fair.
Prince George—Barometer, 29.46; wind, S. 4 miles; cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.40; wind, S.E. 8 miles; cloudy.

Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.68; wind, S. 4 miles; raining.

Portland—Barometer, 29.98; wind, S.E. 6 miles; cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.88; wind, S. 4 miles; cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; wind, N.W. 4 miles; fair.

THE VOICE OF THE CHRIST CHILD

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Christmas it always is young. The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight, On the wings of the child who coms the sod;

The feet of the Christ Child fall gently and white, And the voice of the Christ tells out with delight That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor, That voice of the Christ Child shall fail, And to every blind wanderer opens the door Of a hope which he dared not to dream of before, With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field Where the feet of the holiest have trod; This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed, When the silvery trumpet of Christmas have pealed, That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

WHAT SEX IS HAGGIS?

True to his word M. Latry, the big man in the kitchens of the Savoy, has sent me "a little of his first haggis released from Scotland this year for Scotland's exiled men to eat," 600 pounds of which he is cooking for St. Andrew's Night. I had always wondered about the sex of a haggis. M. Latry seems to share my doubts, as the following extract from his letter shows: "You will find him very easy to cook. Prick it all over and boil it well for one and a half hours. Wrap the haggis in a serviette before boiling it, as it will burst wide open when being cooked. If you follow these directions you will be enchanted with her deliciances. P.S.—I mean to say will you please not unsue or unsing the haggis until you are ready to cook him?"—Mr. Goswell in The London Daily Sketch.

In the great inconstancy and crowd of events nothing is certain except the past—Seneca.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.—St. John.

Tells Legend of How Christmas Giving Had Its Origin

By DONALD ROSS FRASER

The northernmost star in Orion down to the three stars known as the warrior's belt, his analysis has shown that area to contain between two and three hundred galaxies. Lying in the same direction, though much more remote are at least three other clouds of galaxies, indicating a scattering of such systems through space as far as can be fathomed. As if to stagger all mental conception of the vastness of the universe which stud space, Dr. Shapley adds: "The remotest galaxies we study are more than a hundred million light years distant. One galaxy, known as the Coma-Virgo region, is ten million light years away and extends throughout two million light years of space."

The north east wind swept over the black huddle of the village of Tiam. It howled dismally through the radio aerials that joined the totem poles at the gables, and the sound was heard in the village. The old woman was murmuring about this connection between the old way and the new. It was a dirty night. The wind, which made the houses quiver, drove a sharp rain against the panes. Yet the old woman ceased talking and turned to examining her black pipe.

Gazing at her suspiciously, the old woman snatched together, then Anne Jacob called.

"What is it?" the old woman snapped.

"Anne, the Christmas spirit of the white people, we know it does not come gifts to yet other white people, and so the custom became fixed.

Always in midwinter the people of the big city rush about to give each other presents, each giving the like that he will receive a gift of greater value in return. I know that the white preacher has another tale but the white preacher is a liar."

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The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West, is preparing hampers of Christmas cheer. The annual Christmas entertainment will be held in the church on Friday, December 27, at 7.30 p.m.

The programme will consist of items by the Sunday school children and by the young people of the church and will also include the presentation of prizes and diplomas. A Christmas tree will be another feature of the evening entertainment. Fathers, mothers and friends of the congregation are invited.

**Business Revival
Hangs on Five Points**

Industrial and financial conditions have not cleared up as yet, and the changes in the next few weeks to come are of an evanescent nature, says the latest analysis of the Bremerton Economic Service, Inc., which adds: "The larger outlook depends on, first, developments in the motor industry—the degree of reaction in which is as yet uncertain; second, and for the next few months less important, the building industry; third, the condition of bank towns; fourth, the amount of gold to be exported; and fifth, rebuilding of the Bank of England reserve above the 150 million mark."

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Czarina's Necklace Goes Under Hammer



HERE are shown some of the rare pieces comprising a collection of valuable antiques sold by auction in Toronto recently. No. 1—Painting of a girl, "Donna Luisa," by C. E. Perugini. It is from the collection of Lieut.-Col. A. Irving. No. 2—Historic and extremely rare necklace of 109 clear topazes perfectly matched, once a possession of the late Czarina of Russia. No. 3—Painting of two figures, "The Welcome Guest," by E. Torrini, is a beautiful piece of work of old English subjects.

**FRANCE ONCE
ESKIMO HOME
HIS BELIEF**

Dr. Henri Ami Returns With Results of Exploration Work—Brings Many Fossils for Canadian Museums

**TRACES ARE FOUND
OF A GREAT FLOOD**

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 24.—That France was the prehistoric home of the Canadian Eskimo is the belief of Dr. H. A. Ami, following exploration work in the caves and hillsides of Dordogne, France, from which he has just returned.

Dr. Ami, who makes his study of prehistoric man and times his special subject, arrived here with thirty-eight cases of specimens of fossils which are being shipped to the Laboratory of Geology, Ottawa, and which will be available to federal and provincial museums and colleges.

For five months Dr. Ami has been in France, working under the direction of the operations of the party of students under the auspices of the Canadian School of Prehistory, which for eight years has been carrying on investigations into the habits of the prehistoric man and of the fossil flora and fauna which have been discovered in this section. Interesting material regarding the various periods of the world's evolution have been found in Southwest France and the Canadian concession at Dordogne.

CHARACTERISTIC SKULLS
In four years in one hillside alone Dr. Ami said, over 20,000 specimens had been discovered. Many of these showed in implements of warfare, art and pottery the same characteristics that are the work of the Canadian Eskimo. Next year he will show even more startling and interesting developments. Dr. Ami says. The skull of a Magdalenian man discovered shows identically the same characteristics as the Eskimo skull.

As weather and climatic conditions changed, the animals which formed his food, and provided the skins and weapons of prehistoric man were forced from France across Europe, and finally into Northern Canada, and many followed the trail. The art of the ancients as demonstrated by the articles recovered by excavation is identical with that of the Eskimo.

Dr. Ami went this year of a great flood which Dr. Ami said was probably caused by warming conditions of the earth which opened the great flood gates of ice and sent torrents of water down into the valleys, destroying man and beast. This was discovered at Cambre Capelli, on the Canadian concession where implements tooted by man were discovered ground to pebbles by the action of great waves.

VINALL—The funeral of Walter Frank Vinall, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. W. Haswell, of 2465 Cranmore Road, took place yesterday morning from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:50 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Rev. Father Evans conducted services at 9 o'clock. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery, with the following address given by bearers: Messrs. James F. Grant, Arthur Bellis, Cormack Collins and E. R. Roberts.

DODGERS—Funeral services were held at the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock over the remains of Richard Herbert Dodgers, who passed away on Saturday, aged twenty-three years. Rev. H. A. Ireland officiated. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

HETHERINGTON—Funeral services over the late Harry Ashton Hetherington will be held from the Sands Funeral Chapel on Thursday at 3 o'clock, Rev. R. Connell officiating. Interment will be at Colwood Cemetery.

VINALL—The funeral of the late Frank Vinall, who passed away last Monday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Adjutant Merritt will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

BOURNE—There passed away in this city on December 21, William Henry Bourne, aged fifty-six, born in Bloomsbury, Bromley, England, and who resided in Victoria for some time. The remains are repatriated at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

RUSSELL—The funeral of Mr. William Russell, who passed away on December 22 at his residence, North Dairy Road, Saanich, will take place from the above address on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson will officiate. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery. Arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Funeral Company.

Order of Services

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Bargains Galore!

Says the clever woman: "I always look at The Colonist Want Ads for there are so many fine bargains listed there. Last year I picked up a table and a lovely old chair for a song through these columns."

FOUR YEAR SENTENCE

Stanley Youson pleaded guilty to a charge of procuring, and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, in the County Court yesterday. Mr. O. J. Boulton appeared for the prosecution.

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**OFFICIAL TOTALS
ADD TO VICTORY**

Prohibition More Completely Defeated in Plebiscite Than at First Believed

PREHISTORIC STAGES

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 24.—With the publication in the Royal Gazette of the official returns from the prohibition plebiscite of October 31, the anomaly of an affirmative answer to both questions which was believed to have been recorded has disappeared. The two questions put to the electorate were:

1. Are you in favor of continuing the Nova Scotia Temperance Act?

2. Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic liquors under a Government Control Act?

When the returns were compiled

the night of the plebiscite, it was

found that roughly 5,000 more per-

sons had voted for the continuation

of the N.S.T.A. than had voted nega-

tively for its repeal, while 20,000

more persons had voted in favor of

Government control than had voted

against it. This was interpreted as

spelling the defeat of prohibition,

an interpretation that was accepted by both sides.

Later it developed that one of the re-

turning officers included in his re-

turns as the number of votes in the

affirmative on question 1, the total

number of votes polled.

This reduced the total affirmative

vote on question 1 to 61,413. The

corrected totals for the voting were:

No. of voters on list..... 264,002

No. of voters polled..... 153,227

No. of votes in affirmative on

question 1..... 61,413

No. of votes in negative on

question 1..... 77,341

Negative majority against

continuing the Nova Scotia

Temperance Act..... 15,928

No. of votes in affirmative on

question 2..... 87,647

No. of votes in negative on

question 2..... 53,082

Affirmative majority in favor

of the sale of alcoholic liquors

under a Government Con-

trol Act..... 34,082

The figures of the total affirmative

votes correspond closely with

those furnished by the press after

the vote.

FALL FROM SMOKESTACK

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec.

24.—Five workmen, cleaning a high

smokestack at the La Lima sugar

factory near San Pedro, fell yester-

day and were killed.



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Humming Bird Group, It Is An-
nounced, Has Been Taken
Over by It

The Humming Bird group, consisting of the Humming Bird and Canary claims adjoining the Henderson claim on which work is at present chiefly directed, has been purchased by the Duthie Mines, Ltd., and it is understood that in the near future the company's operations will be considerably expanded to provide development on the newly acquired holdings, says the Omineca Herald.

The Humming Bird group was originally developed by George Charlton and William Hanna at Holbrook. In 1922, J. F. Duthie took an option on the half interest held by Charlton and Hanna, making monthly payments during the past seven years. Negotiations during that time failed to bring any deal with Holbrook. Holbrook died about a year ago, and in August of last year, an option was taken on the property by his estate, and now the total purchase price has been paid for all interests.

Work carried out on the Canary claim during September and October of this year resulted in uncovering one of the strongest and most continuous ore bodies yet opened on the hill. This vein is about thirty inches wide, with values in silver, lead and zinc, and has been exposed for a distance of four hundred feet. These claims are located immediately above the Henderson claim, and all veins opened by work of many years are continuing into the ground acquired this month.

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DIES OF INJURIES

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24.—Injured in a collision on the Pacific Highway, near Cloverdale on Sunday afternoon, John Pidjialand, thirty-nine, of Bellngham, died in hospital this morning.

Mr. Pidjialand had suffered a fracture of the skull when two Washington State automobiles collided head-on.

FUR PRODUCTION SHOWS DECREASE

Year 1927-28 Was Less Remunerative Than Previous Twelve Months

The raw fur production of Canada for the season 1927-28 was considerably smaller in quantity but only slightly less in value than the production of the previous season. The total number of pelts of fur-bearing animals, comprising pelts of animal taken from the wild and those of ranch-bred animals, was 3,582,700, valued at \$18,541,753, compared with 4,268,233 pelts worth \$18,864,126 in the previous year. Decreases are shown for many of the principal kinds of fur, while the average values were higher than in the preceding season. This was due to the general movement for the size of the pack to diminish while under an increasing demand the value per pelt rises.

Muskat constituted the most important item of the fur catch with a value of \$2,967,915, followed by fox with \$2,338,000, beaver \$1,944,024, while mink \$1,521,477, red fox \$1,425,488, mink \$1,259,476 and marten \$1,108,091. Ontario is the first among the provinces in order of the value of fur production with a total for the season of \$4,401,889, or 24 per cent of the total. Quebec was second with \$3,600,194, or 19 per cent, and the Maritimes third with \$1,965,498, or 11 per cent. Saskatchewan accounted for 10 per cent of the total, Alberta 9 per cent, British Columbia 8 per cent, Manitoba 8 per cent, Prince Edward Island 4 per cent, the Yukon Territory 3 per cent and Nova Scotia and Newfoundland 2 per cent each. Silver fox brought the highest average value per pelt with \$68.55, followed by fox for \$69.76, blue fox \$64.23, fitch \$58.98, and lynx \$40.51.

BLUE FOX POPULAR

Increasing interest is being taken in the raising of the blue fox, chiefly in British Columbia, although the species is also raised in captivity in Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and the Yukon Territory. The blue fox breed has become of importance during the past two or three years, the records for 1922 showing only ten blue foxes on farms and for 1923 only twelve. The British Columbia farms increased their numbers of blue foxes in 1924, raising the total for Canada to 216, and in 1925 to 735. The number increased to 735 in 1925, to 1,059 in 1926, while the total number of blue foxes shown on the farms at the end of 1927 was 1,713.

Successive reports when closely studied reveal the change in the fur industry of the great hinterland. All eyes look to the North, and the products of the fur industry of the territory are coming to an ever increasing extent under exploitation. In this trend the raw fur industry must inevitably suffer and the effects can only be offset by the fur farming industry, which is coming to account for an ever larger proportion of the total pelt. In the early days of the fur trade the Indians of the Canadian west had little to do with the Canadian chief for beaver, but for several years it has been displaced by the muskrat, which is being extensively ranched. Similarly, silver fox has risen to second place, due to the extensive ranching of this animal.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

This fact is receiving increasing recognition from governments and other interests vitally concerned, and the industry accordingly is becoming more stable and is progressing along the sounder lines. The Dominion Government has established an experimental fox farm in Prince Edward Island of benefit to breeders the Dominion over, and in Ontario an establishment to cover the ranching of all kinds of fur bears. Mr. Brunswick has appointed experts to work for farmers in the provinces to give them advice and assist them in solving their problems. All these are signs of the Government's attitude towards fur farming and the place they expect the industry to occupy in the economic life of the country. Now there is evidence of the large fur trading firms entering in this activity.

The Northern Territories, operating many fur posts in the Mackenzie River district of the Northwest Territories, have announced a new and interesting policy, involving the expenditure of a very large sum of money, for which provision has already been made. At each of these posts a committee has made arrangements for the establishment of an experimental fur farm, to be conducted along scientific lines with animals raised in their natural habitat. Foxes of all descriptions, mink, fisher, marten and badger will be among the fur-bearers to be domestically raised, and eventually all the fauna of the

CREAMERY PROSPERS

Farmers who have supplied cream to the Kelowna Creamery during the eleven months ended November 30 received a most pleasant surprise this week in the form of a cheque equivalent to 12½ per cent additional upon the value of the butter-fat, or five cents per pound. The cheques were mainly for a handsome sum, the total reaching several thousand dollars and the money is very welcome at this season of year when paternosters have so many calls upon his purse.

Takes Bible Stories as Literally True



MR. JOHN C. DAWSON
President, Central Alberta Baptist Institution, who requested the restoration of Dr. Horace C. Day, a member of the college to present a talk on the subject titled "The Story of 'Jonah and the Whale,'" and "Noah and the Ark." — Copyright, 1929, Pacific & Atlantic Photo. Inc.

North prized for their pelts will be held in captivity at these farms. Such a move is extremely significant, forecasting a time when all the great trading companies which have been engaged in taking wild furs come to engage in domestic rearing and secure a large portion of their pack from this source.

LUKE OF INDUSTRY

From all parts of the Dominion come reports of the extension of the art of trapping, of men being lured from other countries to this activity and successful domestication—and of organization of the various branches of the industry to insure progress in the soundest manner. At the meeting of the Alberta Silver Fox Breeders' Association, held recently in Lethbridge, the industry was described as phenomenal, it was stated that the fox industry was the most profitable of all livestock industries in the province. With decreasing supply and the rising prices of furs, more and more individuals in all parts of Canada are finding this novel occupation profitable.

The recent development of interest to those engaged in the fur farming industry is the formation of the prairie Fox Meat Company at St. Boniface, Manitoba. This company will deal exclusively in horse meat for animal food. The plan came into operation during September, and it is capable of handling fifty horses a day. The meat is boned, frozen, packed, and sold at a price that is within the means of fur animal breeders; in fact, the company aims at supplying it at a cheaper price than breeders have been paying during the past few years.

This new development is of interest to another point of view. The bands of trappers in the southwestern ranges of Alberta have long proved an impediment to ranching operations. Valuable pasture is consumed and, on account of the long dry spell of weather during the past summer, the situation has become more acute. What to do with these bands of commercial valueless animals has been a problem. Formerly, after the drives or round-ups which took place through the co-operation of the Government and ranchers, the wild horses were sent to killing plants in Montana, and from there the meat was shipped to Europe. Now, apparently, a use has been found for this meat in the fur farming establishments of the Dominion.

INDIAN TRANSLATION

The Nativity story was followed with as close veracity as possible in view of its translation into the Indian idiom. As in the story of Hiawatha, a season of great plenty is followed by a barren year where-in the hunter fails to find buffalo meat. The dogs are scarcely more than enough to supply the dogs, and there is the terror of famine and sickness.

While the hunters discuss this a wonderful star flashes into the sky and a beautiful white-robed Indian chief suddenly appears amidst the group with arms uplifted, promising the returning warriors that they will return to their wives and pay their homage to the babe and mother whom they will find in the tepee their troubles will be at an end.

The story ends in a very fine scene with Indian chieftains gathered from all the corners of the world. They, too, have seen the star and are come with their offerings. Instead of the Oriental magi, Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar, there are the First chief, "Storm upon the Sea," the second chief, "Fire upon the Plains," and the third chief, "Voice of the Mountain." And with profound distress at the knees of the Indian virgin and her child. All the war-horses and Indian women follow suit, bringing their simple offerings.

While the story proceeds music plays continuously, suggesting the atmosphere of the drama at the moment. Composed by Dr. Healey to those tunes are exquisitely timed, giving complete translation of all the sounds of nature in the remote distance, and at others infusing an atmosphere of dread and fear as the Indians anticipate the famine and sickness.

These settings are the work of James Crozier, of Montreal, whose production was under direction of Major L. Bullock-Webster, with Mr. Harold Eustace Key in charge of the musical features. The following were the dramatic persons:

Father du Cheyne, the priest who brought the message of the Bible to the Indians; the Indian chief, "Good Will to Men"; the Indian man of the "Peace on Earth" song; and the Indian woman, "Song of the Virgin and Child."

One of the very artistic musical effects was the introduction of "Jesus Ahatonah," an old French carol, translated into the Huron language in the early sixteenth century by Father Brebeuf.

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Children's Fancy Dress Ball, Empire Hotel, December 27. Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E. Tickets, \$1, at Spencer's Music Dept., Hibben's, Owl Drug, Empress Hotel.

Dr. Gordon Hansen, Dental Surgeon, has moved his offices to 503 Campbell Building. Special attention given to children. Telephone 9300.

Art Calendars and Pictures for Christmas. A. E. Taylor & Company, 718 Yates Street.

Suitable Christmas Gift—"Dawnlight and Eventide," by Annie Clarke, on sale at Dugan's stores.

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NATIVITY PLAY MUCH ENJOYED

INDIANIZED STORY OF BETHLEHEM PRESENTED AT EMPRESS HOTEL

Carol Programme and Morris Dances Proceed Main Feature Of Evening

The translation into the Indian idiom of the mystery and mysticism of the Nativity has been remarkably well done by some of the early missionaries of this country, but one of the finest adaptations is given in the Indian idiom. The "Flamboro," a sword dance presented by eight boys carrying wooden swords, who went through a number of intricate figures with great assurance; "The Old Mole," the romping "Mage on a Cree," danced by six nimble girls; the "Helston Purry," processional, and "Blue-Eyed Stranger," a Morris dance, came in second and third.

The story is charmingly told, with a logical sequence of episode, a real logic of production which is singularly lacking in the adaptations in pictureque translation into the Red Man's terminology which is appealingly poetic. The scenes gained in power from the fitness of detail, all the costumes being real Indian dresses of buckskin elaborately decorated with quills, beads and colored wools. Enormous feather headdresses were worn by the chiefs, and the noiseless padding about in mocassins feet heightened the sense of mystery.

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Social and Personal

Personals, Parties Visitors

Entertain at Tea

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie entertained at tea yesterday afternoon at Government House in honor of a number of visiting newspaper men. The invited guests included Hon. S. F. Tolmie and Mrs. Tolmie, Hon. W. A. McKenize and Mrs. McKenize, Mr. H. J. McLean and Mrs. McLean, Mr. W. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyder, Mr. and Mrs. T. Coleman, Mrs. M. O. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hodges, Mr. Charles Swaine, Miss Bruce, Mr. Bruce Hutchison, Major Gordon Smith, Mr. B. C. Nicholas and Mr. T. H. Wilson.

Dinner at Government House

The Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie entertained at a dinner party at Government House last night. The invited guests were: Colonel L. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Captain and Mrs. H. R. Hammond, General and Mrs. Noel Money, Miss Wrinich, Miss Lynch, Miss Frances Fowler, Mrs. Fairbanks, Miss Evelyn Rice (Princess Rupert), Miss Agnes Smith (Ocean Falls).

Surprise Party

An enjoyable surprise party was held in the house of the Misses Helen and Norah Wilson on Monday evening, all the guests appearing in children's costumes. Those present included Miss Kathleen Clay, Alice Cotton, Ines Ker, Patsy Henning, Shell Parr, Ruth Tryon Anna McBride, Mary Campbell Catherine Fraser, Helen MacIntosh, Doris Gibson and Margaret Pemberton, Jean Hutchison, Donald Randal Parr, Bill Leach George Barton, Kelly Heming Peter Marshall (Vancouver), Ian Douglas, Henry Buss, Howard Harmon, Dr. Arthur Nash, Dr. Hunter Captain McDonald and Lieut. H. de Wolfe.

Surprise Visit

Miss A. Sproule, of Lee Avenue, was given a surprise party on Monday evening by the members of her Sunday school class, and all present enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

Peaceful Winter

as our guest.
Enjoy the artistic colour schemes, different in each room; the large Log Fires
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Jodie Witter (Soprano) Alec Campbell (Baritone)

Ethel Ross (Soprano) Douglas Forbes (Bass)

Alma Bacon (Contralto) Graham Morgan (Tenor and Director)

"SNOWED IN"

A Dickensian Fantasy by Napier Moore, Editor of MacLean's Magazine. Introducing some of the immortal characters of England's greatest novelist and also the traditional mummery of St. George and the Turkish Knight as revealed in "The Miller's Play," a village drama produced by Alfred Heather.

TICKETS—Reserved Seats, \$1.10 (including Tax)
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Local Secretary: L. Bullock-Webster. Phones 620 and 4301R

SATURDAY'S CONCERT

Repeat Performance of "Christmas With Herrick"

The B.C. Morris Dancers

The Elizabethan Quartette

Mary Frances James (Soprano)

MONDAY'S CONCERT

Repeat Performances of the Indian Nativity Play and "Snowed In"

Alfred Heather (Tenor)

The B.C. Morris Dancers

Concerts Commence at 8:30 Precisely

Canadian Pacific

Mrs. A. S. Humphreys, Miss Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Naismith, General Nanton, Major A. Lygoe, Mr. E. G. McMichael, Mr. J. J. Bannister, Mr. H. F. Matthews, Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, Mr. W. B. Langton, Mr. P. Nation, Mr. J. A. Stewart and Capt. W. H. Molson.

Entertain at Empress

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson were hosts at a dinner party at the Empress Hotel on Saturday night, the party later attending the opening concert of the Yuletide Festival. Those invited included: The Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie, Hon. Mrs. Tolmie, the Premier, and Mrs. S. F. Tolmie, Miss Carol Tolmie, Mayor and Mrs. H. Ancombe, Mr. W. H. M. Haldane, president of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. W. M. P. Scurrah, president of the Women's Canadian Club, and Mr. Scurrah; Mr. A. Carmichael, president of the Rotary Club, and Mrs. Carmichael; Mr. Brooke Stephen, president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mrs. Stephen; Mrs. J. O. Cameron, president of the Ladies' Musical Club, and Mrs. Cameron; Mr. P. Lister, vice-president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mrs. Lister; Mr. H. B. Dawson, president of the Gyro Club, and Mrs. Dawson; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cameron, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Harold Fleming, president of the Victoria Red Cross Society, and Mr. Fleming; Mr. P. B. Fowler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Fowler; Mr. W. M. Lister, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Miles; Mrs. L. Andrews, Capt. and Mrs. G. D. Neeroutos, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Coleman, Mr. Horace Thomas (Portland, Oregonian) and Mrs. Thomas; Mr. H. A. Warwick (Seattle Argus) and Mrs. Warwick; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Teresi, Mr. W. B. Langton, Capt. W. H. Molson, Mr. J. A. Sayward, Mr. B. C. Nicholas, Mr. R. Jamieson (Vancouver Daily Province), Mr. D. S. Craig (Seattle), Mr. F. Lackley (Portland Journal), Mr. Mordwin Smith (Grays Harbor Daily) and Mr. J. Murray Gibbons.

Married in England

The wedding took place at Oxford, England, on December 19, of Mr. Reginald Herbert Barff, second son of Captain A. D. Barff, O.B.E., Royal Navy, and Mrs. Barff, of 1193 Beach Drive, Victoria, and Irene, second daughter of Rev. W. Lee, of Anwick Vicarage, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England. Mr. Barff was formerly on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, this city, and returned to England to take his B.A. degree at Oxford University and is now employed as a master at St. Edward's College, Oxford.

Surprise Party

A surprise visit was paid to Mr. James McCague recently at his home on Grahame Street, by a number of friends.

Misses Ver and Hilda Bryant, Kathleen Cornish, Dorothy Dunbar, Vince Johns, Dorothy Smith, Merle Smith, Muriel Woods, Besse Newham, Mary Thompson, and Messrs. Fred McCague, James Golby, John Hutchinson, Joe Addison, Stanley Cornish, Peter Alexander, Percy Woods, Russell Ard and Edgar Roskelly.

From New Westminster

Mrs. English, of New Westminster, is spending the Christmas season with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. C. Fraser, St. Charles Street, Mr. W. B. English is also visiting his sister for a few days.

To Spent Christmas Here

Mr. Bob Mitchell and Mr. Bill Price, students at the Portland Dental College, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dowswell, 2311 Wark Street, here, for the Christmas holidays.

In Vancouver

Miss E. G. Page is visiting friends in Vancouver for Christmas.

Holidaying Here

Miss Joyce Burrell has arrived to spend her holidays here.

New Year's Party

Rev. Dr. Clem Davies will be at home to the members of his congregation at a New Year's party to be held at Temple Hall on Tuesday evening, December 31, from 8 o'clock until midnight.

The main hall of Temple Hall and dining-room have been reserved for the event, at which hundreds of the temple congregation are anticipated, will be present.

Arrangements for refreshments and entertainment are being made by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and several prize awards will be given to clever winners of various events on the amusement programme.

An old-fashioned "letting the New Year in" will be staged, and near midnight a big community sing of all the old-time melodies will be on the programme, led by the City Temple Chorale.

This new year party is one of the most popular of City Temple events and five or six hundred guests are expected to attend.

Ladysmith Personals

Mr. Edwin Akenhead, of the University of British Columbia, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Ladysmith, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Akenhead.

The Misses Olive Davenport, Daisy Winstanty, June Newcomb and Dora Mason, students of the Normal School, Victoria, arrived home on Saturday to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents in Ladysmith.

Miss C. Greenhorn arrived home on Saturday from Vancouver for the Christmas holiday.

Miss Madeline Verchere, who is attending school in Vancouver, has returned home to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gourlay and family have left to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gourlay, in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sparro and family, of Ladysmith, left for Vancouver on Saturday, and will spend Christmas there.

Miss E. Ambrose left for Vancouver yesterday to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. T. Bryant.

Miss Dorothy Bryant returned from Vancouver yesterday to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. T. Bryant.

Miss Dolly Doutmont, from Vancouver, is spending the holiday with her parents in Ladysmith.

Arion Club Practice

For Sea Festival

In preparation for the Sea Music Festival to be held in January under the auspices of the C.P.R., the Arion Club will hold special practices on Thursday, January 2; Saturday, January 4; Sunday, January 6; Saturday, January 11, and Monday, January 13. Members are asked to note these dates.

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Russian Duchess Is Now in New York



GRAND DUCHESS KIRA
Great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria, and the younger daughter of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Cyril of Russia, has arrived in New York on a visit to this continent.

Leave for Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Struthers, who have been staying at the Guest House, Oak Bay, have left for Toronto.

Here for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Stoddart, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress Hotel for the Christmas holidays.

Here From England

Captain and Mrs. Bloomfield have as their guest for Christmas M. Bert Brownstone, of York, England.

Christmas Eve Party

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton entertained a few friends at a jolly Christmas Eve party at "Mountjoy."

At Duncan

Miss E. Booth, of Portland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. H. Price, at Duncan, during the holidays.

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Between Twelve and One

By VERNON LODER

CHAPTER VIII (Continued)
"Jove! It does!" cried the other, returning the glass and the portland. "There's blood on this blade, but nothing else. No tissue, no muscle fibers, nothing whatever. Was this a brain wave, or what gave you the tip?"

Cobham smiled. "I don't know. I think I was struck at first by the sharpness and slenderness and then the length of the blade. It seemed to me that any kind of a decent blow delivered against the body of a man so lightly clothed as Cupolis would go right through him. Then when I was looking at the blade through the glass when you came, I wondered that those small serrations had not collected a fragment of flesh here and there."

"Absolutely. We believe, the other chap and I, that Cupolis was killed about one o'clock last night. We can guarantee that to an hour. And we both agreed that he was done when he died and that he made no struggle."

"When he died, or before he died?"

"I mean before, of course. There are indications that he was an adict, but he had not gone very far with it. I think he only began taking the stuff seriously during the last few months. He must have had a larger dose on going to his room yesterday, for the doctor here says he was in a stupor when he examined him."

"But he wrote that note to his guests?"

"We don't know when he wrote that, Cobham. He may have had it ready for some time. We do know that he gave it to the butler to give Mr. Mand. So he must have taken the stuff after dinner. By the way, if this portland had been used, how would you have explained the footprints that we found on the floor beds outside? The portland would involve someone in the house."

"It might, though not necessarily. Of course, if we had not made this discovery, I should have been inclined to suspect that someone let themselves down from a window, then threw up a chair to Cupolis' window, sat at the ledge, and left. Mr. Merton sleeps next to Mr. Mand. Though he says he did not sleep at all last night, and he tells me Mand snores."

"But what has Mand to do with it?"

"We don't know that he has anything to do with it. I only said that because we found footprints under his window as well. We should have had to take them into account, you know."

The police surgeon looked at him thoughtfully. "You can't ignore them, it seems to me, whether the portland was used or not. Why should there be prints under that second window?"

"It seems obvious enough if the portland was not used, but something else," said Cobham promptly. "A man like Cupolis is bound to make enemies. Someone may have got wind of the coming crash earlier, perhaps asked Cupolis to cough up the money, and led that invader out of there. You see, the room now occupied by Mr. Mand used to be occupied by Cupolis. I have proof of that—Independent evidence."

"I see. You mean that the fellow got no satisfaction out of the financier, scouted about here to find out where Cupolis slept, and last night had a go at one window then another?"

"That at least is the theory. But if Mand was asleep and snoring he would not hear any one at his window."

"What about the storm?"

"This is in the other wing, my dear sir. Wind or rain doesn't affect a room on all sides of a house at the same time."

"No, Well?"

"Well, there were marks that might have been made by the points of a grapple on the ledge under Cupolis' window. It seems to me we ought to look for similar marks on the ledge under Mand's window. If they are there, it would seem to prove that an outsider got in, found that the man sleeping there was not Cupolis, and went up to the other."

"If the financier was suspicious that someone was on his track," suggested the surgeon, "he might change his sleeping place."

"A good point," replied Cobham.

"The man I spoke of from the possibility of a disgruntled investor, the man was a Greek. No one seems to know much about his past, and there may have been an old feud in his own stormy land. Isn't it extraordinary how intelligent people, men with money and education, will put their funds into the hands of the unscrupulous, if they are only plausible enough?"

"Isn't it funny that a girl will marry a man with whom she has only a short acquaintance," said the surgeon, who was an amateur philosopher: "it means losing everything sometimes."

"There was blood in Mand's," said Cobham, crossing to the bell. "I shall ask him a question or two and then you can get back to your colleague."

When Mand came in a few minutes later the superintendent lost no time.

"I presume that you are not Mr. Cupolis' business secretary?" he asked.

"No," said Mand. "He didn't trust me about his business. I understand why now. I was more or less a social secretary."

"Do you know?"

Mand started, then smiled. "What do you mean?"

Cobham permitted himself a faint smile. "Just that."

"Exactly what I do not do," said Mand. "I was a bit of an athlete, you know. If the doctor here was

WIDER SCOPE FOR PAINTER IS NOW SEEN

Modern Architecture Gives Bigger Opportunities to Mural Artist in Decoration Schemes

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ART IS TRACED

Greater fields have been opened to the mural painter through the gradual changes which have taken place in interior decorating, the severe and simplified surface which modern architecture shows being eminently suitable for wall decorations which will vary and diversify the surfaces without destroying their simplicity of form and austere geometric beauty, declared Robert W. Pilot, A.R.C.A., noted Canadian mural artist and painter, addressing members of the Art Association of Montreal. Speaking on "Mural Painting and Decoration," Mr. Pilot traced the origin and development of mural decoration from the earliest times, and forecast greater opportunities for the mural decorator as a result of this modern mechanistic art.

The history of mural decoration is as ancient, probably, as mankind itself, Mr. Pilot observed in his opening remarks. The pleasure given by color and the pride that man has taken in recording his dreams and achievements have had a natural expression in the clear language of painting. It is language that appeals to the senses, and by symbols for ideas, addresses the intellect. As history, it has recorded the customs and the costumes of the different ages. It told of the prowess of man in the chase or on the battlefield; explained religion, sang of heroes and saint and illustrated each succeeding age for those that followed.

UNDER THREE HEADINGS

Mural painting class under three headings. Mr. Pilot recalled ecclesiastic, civic and domestic. Their decoration must have fitness to the wall in three things: Harmony of color and tone to the general color scheme of the room, harmony of line and composition with the scale of the wall and room, and appropriate choice of object to the place decorated. In an easel picture the subject comes first. In a wall decoration, the composition must carry from a distance, the color must harmonize with the room, the scale must be just in the confines of the frame and the architecture of the room. The subject invariably comes last.

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tarded artistically by troubousome and warlike times, Mr. Pilot de-

cated, for painting is peace and ease, and, as H. G. Wells noted, "Given the opportunity, all races are artistic."

The great flowering of mural dec-

oration occurred with the renais-

sance in Italy, the speaker con-

tinued. Ushered in with Cimabue,

the liberation from the formalism of

the Byzantine influence is first seen in Giotto. The first humanism and naturalism are seen in the portraits of burials, of the glory of arms, and of kings were established. Later, on the Island of Crete, wall paintings recorded further progress, there being found in the huge palace of Phaestos, in the first frescoes. The Etruscans, the Greeks still fur- ther, and long before the birth of Rome and Roman culture, decorated their tombs, as did the Egyptians, with fresco paintings.

The Etruscans revealed a greater sense of movement in their work, the mural tone seeming less funeral

to examine my nose and throat he would tell you, as my doctor used to tell me, that they were exceptionally free from obstructions. Then, snoring generally comes from lying on your back. Isn't it so, doctor?"

The surgeon smiled assent.

"And I never lie on my back. It isn't healthy. I lie on my right side and don't toss."

Cobham looked at the muscular figure and nodded. "I see. There is nothing odd about my question. Mr. Merton said you were snoring all night, or most of it."

Mand laughed. "He must have mistaken the thunder for my snore. Is that all?"

"Quite," said the superintendent.

When Mand had gone the surgeon looked quizzically at his companion.

"It's a bold man who can swear he doesn't snore at any time," he said. "We'll think we don't."

"A married man can always tell," said Cobham, smiling. "He hears about it all right."

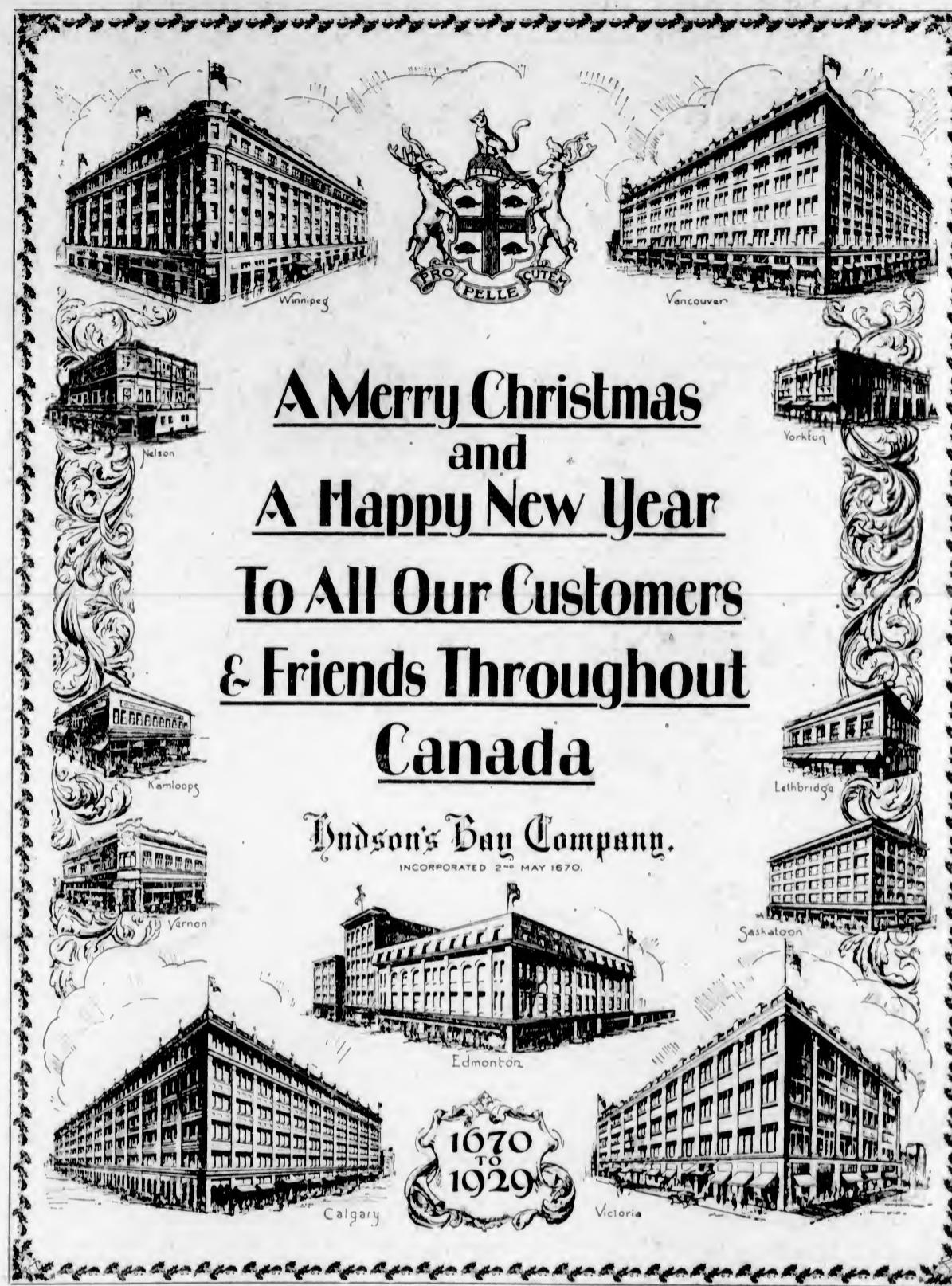
"The surgeon grinned. "I suppose it isn't possible that Merton said that to appear as evidence that he was in his own room all night?"

"It might be. We can't rule out even little points like that. Further, if Mr. Merton failed to prove that he had been in the room, he would have eagerly accepted the evidence of his snoring. It would be a kind of noisy alibi!"

The surgeon stretched himself, gave a glance at the portland, which was now lying on a side table, and agreed. "Well, I'll get back to my colleague. Shall I tell him about this?" He waved a hand.

"Not at present, please. I'm going for Smith, and we shall have a look at that ledge under Mand's window.

(To Be Continued)



GOLD BRICK IS TOO SHOP-WORN

LONDON CROOKS ADOPTING NEW TRICKS TO SWINDLE DUPES

Conjuring Made Use of to Aid in Robbing Confidence Victims

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The gold brick salesmen of this city, finding that their wares and modus operandi are, perhaps, becoming rather old hat, have forsaken the old rackets and produced some new and slyer schemes.

The performers retain the ap-

pearance of well-bred, educated men,

but between the periods of cultural de-

velopment as regards mural dec-

oration, Mr. Pilot noted that the de-

struction by war and time had

left a gap in the ceiling of the

palace of Sistine Chapel, a titanic

work which occupied several years.

His "The Last Judgment," although

perhaps greatly darkened today and

suffering from repainting in the

lower portion, remains as the cu-

mulative art that had gone before.

After completion, however, every

one agreed that Raphael

was a genius.

From then on mural painting re-

ached to progress, Mr. Pilot de-

cided, and distinguished artists as

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Customs Associated With Yuletide

BURNING OF YULE LOG ANCIENT CEREMONY

Custom, Which Came From Scandinavia, Still Maintained in Various Parts of Great Britain, Although Much Shorn of Pomp and Circumstance Formerly Attending It

Many Other Christmas Rites Kept Up in Old Country

MANY of the popular customs of our day have their origin in old pagan rites and ceremonies. Some of these go back into a misty past long ere Julius Caesar set his foot in Britain, or Saint Augustine preached the gospel to the people of Kent. The burning of the Yule log is an ancient Christmas ceremony transmitted to us from our Scandinavian ancestors who, at their feast of Juul, at the Winter solstice, used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. The custom, though shorn sadly of the "pomp and circumstance" which formerly attended it, is still maintained in various parts of the country.

The bringing in and placing of the ponderous block on the hearth of the wide hall is still the half of the most joyous of the ceremonies observed on Christmas Eve in feudal times. The venerable log, destined to crackle a welcome to all-comers, was drawn in triumph from its resting place at the feet of its living brethren of the woods. Each wayfarer raised his hat as a passing, for he knew that there was full of good promises, and that its flame would burn out old wrongs and heartburnings, and cause the liquor to bubble in the wassail bowl that was quaffed to the drowning of ancient feuds and animosities. So the Yule log was worthily honored and the ancient bards welcomed its entrance with their minstrels.

In Devonshire, the Yule log takes the form of the ash-ton fagot, and is brought in and burned with great glee and merriment. The fagot is composed of a bundle of ash sticks bound or looped round with bands of the same tree, and the number of these last ought, it is said, to be nine. The rods will be cut a few days previous, the farm laborers on Christmas Eve, saffy forth joyously, bind them together, and then, by the aid of one or two horses, drag the fagot, with great rejoicing, to their master's house, where it is deposited on the spacious hearth which serves as the fire-place in old-fashioned kitchens.

START OF FUN AND JOYLLITY

Fun and jollity of all sorts now commence in the houses—of the household—master, family and servants—seat themselves on the settles beside the fire, and all meet on terms of equality, the ordinary restraint characterizing the intercourse of master and servant being for the occasion wholly laid aside. Sports of various kinds take place, such as jumping over门槛, and third at a time, and dancing on the floor, and jumping for cakes and treacle; that is to say, endeavoring by springs (the hands being tied behind the back) to catch with the mouth a cake, thickly spread with treacle and suspended from the ceiling. Liberal libations of cider, or egg-hot, that is, cider heated and spiced, and servant were for a time reversed and universal licence prevailed.

MASS IN CELEBRATED

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The idea is beautifully expressed by Shakespeare, who puts it in the mouth of Marcellus in "Hamlet":

"It faded on the crowing of the cock. Some say that ever 'gainst that sea-cow comes."

Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated.

The bird of dawning singeth all night long;

And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;

The night is wholesome; then no plagues strike;

No plagues take, nor witch hath power to charm;

So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

A belief was long current in Devon and Cornwall, and persists still between both there and in other parts of the country, that at midnight on Christmas Eve the cattle in their stalls fall down on their knees in adoration of the Infant Saviour, in the same manner as the legend reports of the shepherds in the stable at Bethlehem. Bees are also said to sing in their hives at the same time, and birds sing on Christmas Eve, it is averred, never becomes mouldy. All nature was thus supposed to unite in celebrating the birth of Christ, and partake in the general joy which the anniversary of the Nativity inspired.

**FOREIGN COLONY IN
ECUADOR DONATES
TO CHRISTMAS TREE**

Each October a collection is made in Guayaquil, Ecuador, among the foreign colony for a Christmas tree for the Indian children at Cotta, where American missionaries conduct a mission and school.

It is recorded, says an article in the Christian Science Monitor, that English and American, German and Dutch give with utmost good will toward this project, knowing that here and often joyless life of the little Indian children.

In November, before the prices soar and while the weather is cool, the cheap toy stalls are searched for suitable gifts and much bargaining goes on good-naturedly, before final purchases are made at the lowest prices. After that, the shopkeeper frequently gives further discounts on hearing of the charitable object in view.

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How People Say "Merry Christmas" In Many Tongues

HERE is how the nations of the world say "Merry Christmas":

- France—Bon Noel.
- Germany—Frohe Weihnachten.
- China—Tin Hau Nian.
- Sweden—Glad Julen.
- Portugal—Boas Festas.
- Italy—Felice Natale.
- Japan—Kinoshitai.
- Rumania—Oaracut Felicitare.
- Turkey—Ichor Yilara.
- Bohemia—Veseli Vanoc.
- Hungary—Boldog Karasznyi Unnepeket.
- Austria—Weihnachten.
- Poland—Wesozy Swiat.
- Croatia—Sretan Bozic.
- Denmark—Vrolig Kerstma.
- Spain—Feijes Pascas.
- Montreal Herald.

STOLEN KISS IS REWARD

MISTLETOE HAS GAINED MANY ASSOCIATIONS DURING THE YEAR

Norse Legend Is Regarded as Origin of Curious Christmas Customs

In spite of the fact that the roots of the mistletoe are entered deeply in the tissue of its host (apple, elm, lime or hawthorn), it is not altogether a lowdown parasite like the dodder or broomrape, either of which attempts to earn its living. It is rather a parasite to its hosts, for it does not attempt to pay for its keep, but occasionally descends for a few weeks at a time to wait upon itself.

Growth of the mistletoe is very slow at first, but if no accident happens to it, the size is doubled yearly. While it is not nearly as attractive as the holly, it is a good substitute in account of the merry-making it causes, when the fact of being caught under the mistletoe grants the permission of a stolen kiss.

To discover the origin of kissing under the mistletoe it looks as though we must go back to the time of our Norse ancestors, when the legend of Balaam was slain with a spear of mistletoe by someone prompted by Loki.

In preparation of this calamity, the plant was dedicated to his mother Frigg, so long as it does not touch the earth, which is Loki's kingdom. Hence the mistletoe is hung from ceilings in our houses; and the kiss given under it is a sign that it is no longer an instrument of mischief.

ONE TRUE CANDLE

The first candle pantomime introduced to the English stage was "Tavern Bilkens" and was by John Weaver. It was produced at Drury Lane in 1702. The great originator of pantomime in England was, however, John Rich, who put his first play on in 1717.

Before the Puritans condemned the practice of Christmas, it was a common punishment and calling no name, to make the plant beamed with light, and to make him willing to sacrifice his daughters.

Hidden by the darkness of the night, "Santa Claus" found his way to the house of Myra, who was living. As he reached the house the moon came from behind the clouds and one bright ray fell on an open window. In through the window "Santa Claus" eagerly threw a purse of gold and hastened away, so that none should know what he had done.

Within the room the mischievous spirit, gazing upward at the dark and gloomy clouds, seeing in them a future filled with clouds more dark and gloomy still. But a ray of moonlight fell across the floor and at his feet a sombre, heavy object dropped. He started, trembling with terror, hardly daring to bend down and touch it. Was some evil thing to add still more to his distress?

Presently he stopped. A purse! A purse! and filled with gold enough to give to his eldest daughter dowry.

In those days daughters were married in rotation; it was not met the younger should marry before the elder.

Then, on another night, when the clouds were dark, "Santa Claus" made a second journey. Again he threw into the house a purse of gold; a dowry for the second daughter. Yet a third time he journeyed thither with a weighted purse to leave in secret for the last undrawn door.

But by now the father was determined to find out who his benefactor was. Night after night he had hidden in the black shadows of his house in patient watching; and, at last, his vigilance was rewarded. He saw the figure pause, then raise a hand holding a dark object; but before the hand could throw, the father caught the cloak and fell before the stranger, weeping. We are told that "O Nicholas, servant of God, why seekest thou thyself?"

"Santa Claus" said him to keep the gift secret, and to God give thanks, beseeching His pardon for the weakness of his faith, which had well-nigh drawn him into the pit of evil. Thus and so, St. Nicholas became the patron saint of virgins.

**BIRTH OF JESUS
HAS LIFTED MAN**

The lowly birth of Christ was not much the bringing of God down to earth, but of lifting man up," said Rev. Wilbert Down, pastor at First Methodist Episcopal Church in Portland, Ore. "Christ has become the ideal for more people than any other man. He has fired people by the million to do and to dare."

"With true insight humanity has recognized in the birth of Christ the supreme event in human affairs and surrounded it with a halo of sacred romance and impressive ceremonial," he stated. "Christendom has fixed upon one nativity, idealized it, made it the type of what all birth and life should be, associated it with the turning point of the solar year."

"Every birth is a divine event, every babe a messenger from heaven. Every child is a potential savior. Every mother shares with Mary the highest glory of womanhood."

The birth of Bethlehem is a symbol of what is taking place every day and hour of the human story," he said.

The coming of Christ into the world was an incoming of God to human lot such as had never been made before."

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Ceremony of Bringing in the Boar's Head



Characteristic Scene From Earlier Times at English Christmas Dinner. This Return to Former Customs Is to Be Revived in Victoria This Season at the Empress Hotel in Connection With the Yuletide Festivities.

Some Thoughts on Origin of Santa Claus

The Universal Saint

By ETHEL SEYMOUR

At the festive season of Christmas a question was asked in a local paper concerning Santa Claus. Was there really a Santa Claus? Or was he, like so many fairy personages, a fabrication of the brain?

Ever since reading that question I have wanted to repeat that our ultra-modern Santa Claus (who at last reduced to one word, Santa, is in danger of losing all identity) is the descendant through many centuries of a real human and a saint.

Long, long ago, in A.D. 280, in Asia Minor, at Patara, in Lycia, the saint was martyred.

In his youth he gave evidence of his great charity. Befriended by both his parents before he was grown up, all that he inherited from them he gave away in alms. It was the bestowal of this part of his inheritance which caused him, later, to be regarded as the patron saint of virgins.

In the city of his birth there was a man of honorable home who was not poor, but rather wealthy, and oppressed were never taken away; nay, money and kind advice, even his own toll, were freely given them.

The Emperor Diocletian persecuted the Christians and Nicholas did not escape. He was beheaded at the cathedral of Sion. On his return from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nicholas stopped at the church of Myra, where he was received as a saint and in time became its abbot.

When the bishopric of Myra fell vacant, we are told that all the bishops gathered there to elect their metropolitan, and with one consent chose Nicholas. As bishop of the See of Myra he was famed for goodness, and in his episcopate he was a great teacher of virtue and courage.

He was the most important city of Lycia and near it stood the monastery of Sion. On his return from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nicholas stopped at the church of Myra, where he was received as a saint and in time became its abbot.

Upon his knees the pilgrims make the entire circuit of the church; making three circuits they kiss the saint's feet; then they kiss the four heads to it; every action prompted by the deepest and most true emotion. Then in single file they are admitted to the crypt; and as they approach the altar-shrine to each is given the Mannus of Saint Nicholas, mixed with water.

The people of Bari, like ourselves, are dwellers on the coast. On the festival of St. Nicholas the sailors go to the church and the priest places a wooden statue of the saint, clothed in its pontifical vestments.

Through the city from San Nicola to the Cathedral of Bari, and onward to the harbor, they bear the statue to the church. In the morning they march to the Church of San Nicola and receive from the priests the wooden statue of the saint, clothed in its pontifical vestments.

To begin with, there is the children's viewpoint. They put their faith in little trolls in Sweden. A troll is a tiny Santa Claus; it is as if Santa had a great many helpers who are called Jul Tomter. There is always a troll for every home. The old grandfather said he remembered the bowl of rice that was always placed in the barn on Christmas Eve for the trolls. In the morning the rice was gone! And that day the work went so quickly, because all the little trolls helped!

Then there is this matter of wooden shoes. In Sweden, in the schoolhouse entry, is a row of pigeon holes. Each lad places his wooden shoes therein before he enters the schoolroom. Inside he wears soft soles or heavy woolen socks. The trolls take the shoes off when they kiss the saint.

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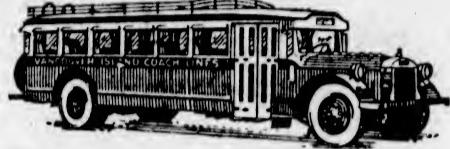
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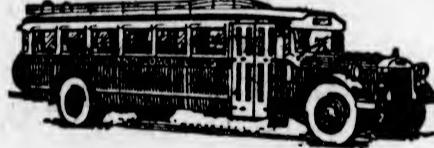
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has a particularly brilliant record of Canadian triumphs. Gordon McLeod; and with him as leading lady, Miss Christine, opens her Canadian debut last season was one of the high lights of the year.

The combination, as far as an event in the theatre is concerned, is unbeatable. Play, playwright, star, cast and production are all outstanding in themselves. Together, as "The Ringer" which is to be seen here, they outrank any previous offering of the type.

COLISEUM Tonight at the Coliseum there will be two complete showings of the current play to accommodate expected demand. The housekeeper's "For Crying Out Loud" is the title of this week's stage presentation by the ever-popular "Toby" Leitch Players. Tonight they will take the stage at 7 o'clock and again at 9 o'clock. The clever little stock group has proved most popular and entertaining this week in a splendidly chosen stage vehicle for their final week in Victoria.

COLUMBIA Atlantic City with its beaches, hotels and bathing beauties, was the location spot where most of University's "The Cohen and Kellys in Atlantic City," the riotous comedy at the Columbia Theatre today, was filmed. This time the partners are



Miss Lilian Christine, Who Plays Cora Ann Milton in the London Cast of Edgar Wallace's Great Thriller, "The Ringer," Which Comes to the Royal Victoria for Three Evening Performances, Commencing Tonight.

in the knit goods business and the story has been of bathing girl beauties. A new kind of bathing girl beauty contest, called the "Summer Girl Contest," is one of the big features.

PLAYHOUSE Every foot of "The Rolling Road," now showing at the Playhouse Theatre, has the call of the people, its locations, its actions, are all of and on the briny. Romance, villainy and tragedy thread their way through a story which has vivid action and an irresistible charm.

CAPITOL The sound of a submarine's engines, of firearms and tools clanking, and many voices, all of them under the sea, are heard on the "Isle of Lost Ships." Virginia Valli, Jason Robards and Noah Beery are featured in this big sea drama, now heading the entertainment bill at the Capitol Theatre for the last times today.

DOMINION Lee Tracy and Mae Clarke both of whom have had their names in the newspaper alliance on New York's great Broadway, enact the featured roles with Josephine Dunn and Billie Dove. The talking movie comic-drama has a backstage and studio life which is playing at the Dominion Theatre, where it will show for the last times today.

CRISTAL GARDEN Renowned Magician Comes to Coliseum Direct From Japan

Dr. Raymond, the world-renowned magician and hypnotist, is due to open his Victoria engagement at the Coliseum Theatre commencing on December 30, for six nights. Dr. Raymond comes direct from London, England, a reputation of high caliber in the art of occult entertainment. Full particulars of this man's performance will appear in this paper soon.

ORE STRIKE AT TOPLEY

Mining interest in the Topley area has been revived in a manner that is very gratifying through the discoveries approaching the sensational being made on the Topley Silver property.

MONTREUX, Dec. 24.—(North American Newspaper Alliance)—The folk who live down here on the lake of Geneva are expecting a royal neighbor. Amanullah, former King of Afghanistan recently inspected a number of villas, one of them formerly the property of the ex-Khede

Egypt. Amanullah and his Queen are very careful about the health of their children and very anxious about their education, which would account for their wanting to live in Switzerland. They will probably purchase a fine place about a quarter of an hour's walk from the lake.

It is not long since the ex-King purchased his villa in the prati quarter of Rome near St. Peter's, a fine house with the thirty-five rooms and fitted with every modern convenience. It cost \$125,000.

MINORU AKIYAMA

Japanese Jiu Jitsu champion, who speaks of boxing and Judo, is said to be likely to triumph in an open contest.

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PLAYHOUSE

ASHCROFT—Jack Boyd of Green Lake, has imported 250 head of mixed stock from Calgary and Edmonton, arriving here early in the week. The drive north began on Tuesday with three cowboys in charge. There were a number of calves with the bunch. They will be wintered at Mr. Boyd's property at Green Lake.

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municate with Dr. McCoy should address letters: Dr. Frank McCoy, 689 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Two Soccer Matches And Annual Swim On Today's Sport Card

All-Stars to Play in Anscomb Cup Match at Athletic Park—Juniors Meet in Morning—Christmas Day Plunge in Inner Harbor

A Junior Football League soccer match commencing at 10:30 o'clock; an Anscomb Cup football game between picked teams from the Saturday and Wednesday Football Leagues commencing at 2 o'clock, and the annual Christmas Day swim of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, comprises the sport programme to be offered local fans today. Both soccer matches will be played at the Royal Athletic Park, while the swim will be held in the Inner Harbor.

The curtain raiser on the Christmas Day sport menu promises to be interesting, and it is expected, draw quite a following. Victoria City and Royal Oak soccer eleves are fairly evenly balanced and should play up an interesting battle.

The Anscomb Cup battle in the afternoon will set two strong sides struggling for supremacy in the three-game series. Last year the Saturday League won the trophy in two straight games, but the midweek representatives have visions of turning the tables on their friendly rivals today. With two strong teams ready to take the field the match should be a battle worth witnessing.

THE TEAMS

The teams for today's game follow:

Saturday League—Goliath, Five C's; fullbacks, Joe Crowe, Saanich Thistles; Gibbons, Victoria City; halfbacks, Reg Shanks, Five C's; Boyd, Esquimalt; McBay, Jokers; forwards, Burges, Five C's; Price, Thistles; Glancy, Victoria City; Robinson, Victoria West, and Pat Mulcahy, Victoria West.

Players are asked to be at the Y.M.C.A. at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday League—Goal, Restal, Saanich United; fullbacks, A. Whyte, Navy; E. Plummer, Navy; halfbacks, Dyke, Navy; Robinson, Navy; Oakman, Hudson's Bay; forwards, Taylor, Batchelor's Food Stores; Stan Wright, Batchelor's Food Stores; Tom Watt, Navy; J.

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WHEN a 15,000-gallon oil tank belonging to the McColl-Frontenac oil refinery at Toronto burned, in one of the most spectacular fires witnessed for some time, two men were burned, one seriously. Photograph shows general scene and raging inferno that surrounded the flaming oil tank.

Lighter Men Gained Titles for England

Few Real Heavyweights Developed in Old Country—Trumbull Digs Up Pugilistic History of Island Where Sport Started

By WALTER THUMBULL
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NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Boxing fans constantly ask me why there are no more great English heavyweight champions. They figure that an island which produced such men as Jack Broughton, father of boxing; Mendoza; Henry Pearce, the game chicken, who retired undefeated; Dutch Schultz; and the like, must have some claim to the title. Tom Sayers, Jim Mace, Charlie Mitchell and Bob Fitzsimmons, known as "Bendigo," Jen Ward, champion of England for fifteen years and also a fine landscape painter (Robert Zuppke, please note); Tom Sayers, Jim Mace, Charlie Mitchell and Bob Fitzsimmons, should continue to breed great punchers.

But these fans do now appear to come to the conclusion that almost all of these men were world's champions in their day, few of them were heavyweights.

The three best fighters I ever knew, pound for pound, probably were Bob Fitzsimmons, Harry Greb and Jimmy Wilde, and two of the three were English born. Broughton was not what we'd call a big man. Mendoza weighed 160 pounds, five feet six inches and weighed 175 pounds. Like Joe Gans, he died of tuberculosis. Dutch Sam weighed little over 130. He only stood five feet six inches. Bendigo was a tall middleweight, although he might have scaled a few pounds under that limit. Jen Ward was a light heavyweight. Sayers, Mace, Mitchell and Bob Fitzsimmons were all somewhere between the middleweight and light-heavyweight class. They all beat heavyweights, even little Dutch Sam.

The punch which really stopped Broughton—who, by the way, was forty-six years old at the time—was a right-hand, made the same as the one that knocked out Longfellow. There isn't anything new. The fans disliked Tom Spring for the same reason many didn't like Gene Tunney—they thought he was too nice, too "high-brow." They rooted for Bill Neat, the butcher against Spring, but Tom won through superior boxing ability.

John Gully was really the man who most resembled Tunney. Gully was the son of an innkeeper, and John Gully, the name he intended to be a butcher. It just happened that the youngster had sincere faith in himself, an immense loyalty to an idea and determination, capacity for work and patience past understanding. He early announced his three ambitions to his family and close friends, who had him in mind, bellhop at an inn which was not much of a road house even for that day, destined to be champion of England, to own a horse which would win the Derby and to become a member of Parliament. It just happened he did all three. It was well those others had their laugh first.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Both the Toronto Exchange and the Standard Mining Exchange held abbreviated sessions today owing to the proximity of Christmas Day. Trading opened at the regular hour and closed at 1 o'clock. Business will resume at the customary hours on Thursday.

"A bunch of us made short talk," said Gully.

"We all paid our respects to the rest of whom we're not manager as best we could, but nobody really hit the button on the head until Jimmy Dykes expressed the thought of the whole team after the great victory of 1929."

"All I want to say," said Jimmy, "is that when God made Connie Mack he called it a day."

"We all agreed that we felt exactly the same."

Presumably Connie knows how Dykes Perkins and his opponents stand in regard to him. We imagine that their attitude pleases him a lot more than winning world series.

HEINIE DIDN'T RUN

Jenk Fournier relates this one about the irrepressible Heinie Mueller.

"Heinie batted just ahead of me when I was at St. Louis," says Jack.

"One day at Cincinnati, with Luque pitching for the Reds, I argued for the hit and run to Heinie, who was in the lead. He hit a single, hit between third and short, for what would have been a sure hit if Heinie had started for second on the throw as he should have done. But he didn't do so; the shortstop held his place and threw him out at second."

"Why didn't you go when I gave you the signal?" I asked.

"My Gott," said Heinie, "I thought you was kidding!"

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Funeral of Resident of Ladysmith Took Place From Army and Navy Headquarters

LADYSMITH, Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late J. H. Gregory, who was away on business to the Ladysmith General Hospital, took place on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the Army and Navy Veterans' headquarters. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and the casket was covered with many beautiful flowers.

Rev. G. Stevenson officiated and during the service the hymn, "Near-

Vancouver Island

GOVERNMENT TO BE ASKED FOR TOWN PLANNER

Port Alberni Seriously Considers Proposition but Wants Provincial Officer To Be Available

ALDERMANIC POSSIBILITIES

PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 24.—Following the City Council meeting last evening Mayor Steede stated that he would again be in the field seeking the office of mayor in the civic election, which takes place early in the New Year. Alderman McNaughton will not be for the town again, and is retiring from municipal affairs, although a deputation has waited on him asking that he allow his name to be put up for the office of mayor.

Alderman George Bird, who has been the guardian of the city treasury, in that he very seldom allows an item to pass until he is satisfied, said that it is justified in retiring, although his services as chairman of the council are greatly appreciated by all ratepayers.

Alderman David has not decided whether he will be a candidate or not. Alderman Hamilton, Flemming and Waterhouse all have a year to run, as they were elected on a two-year ticket.

The City Council is seriously thinking of adopting the town planning scheme, but as yet nothing has been done to have the Government appoint a town planning expert, whose services will be available to all cities in the province. In this way the various towns which are unable to retain the services of a high-priced expert will be able to adopt the scheme without going to any great expense.

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

Prices Rise Slightly at N.Y. on Trading Which Is Only Trickle Toward End

NEW YORK. Dec. 24.—Stock prices turned upward today under the influence of a brief flurry of buying. Not wishing to maintain short positions over the holidays, the covering movement was completed early in the day and trading dwindled to a mere trickle, barely adequate to keep the ticker tape moving. The day's sales aggregated only 1,960,050 shares, the smallest turnover for a five-hour session since August of 1928.

The morning upturn carried a wide assortment of leading shares up 4 or 5 points, but the market gradually eased during the afternoon, and gains were mostly reduced by about half. The market was usually thin, with few orders of either side, so that prices were extraordinarily sensitive.

Credit conditions were a little firmer but were regarded as reflecting the temporary conditions of the holiday period. Call money renewed at 5% per cent, and held at that figure all day.

United States Steel sold up more than 4 points, and General Electric mounted 6 early in the day, but closing up 1% and 3, respectively.

Strength of the French franc continued to command attention in the foreign exchanges. The cable rate

continued another high for the year at \$4.584.

The day before Christmas found the bond market so dull that followers of the list were remissed of one of last summer's stagnant sessions. Total sales fell below the \$8,000,000 mark, for the first time in months.

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

OILS STRONGER AGAIN, DEMAND BUT MODERATE

Trading on Vancouver Exchange Is Light but Price Tendency Is Toward Improved Values

SESSION HELD IS ONLY HALF USUAL

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Further strength of the oils on moderate sale favored the light trade on the stock exchange today. The mines were quiet. The exchange closed at noon.

Home Oil, on sales of 90 shares, moved up to \$8 and closed 15c stronger at \$7.95. C. & E. was 8c firmer at \$2.48, and McLeod 1c higher at \$2.15. The balance of the oils ranged from unchanged to 7c firmer.

George Copper lost 5c at \$2.25, and Pend Oreille 10c at \$2.20. Price changes elsewhere in the mines were narrow.

The exchange will be closed until Friday morning.

MORNING SALES

A.P.C. rights—300 at 12.
A.P.C.—200 at 1.90, 1,100 at 1.85.
Balco—200 at 60.
Calmont—1,400 at .92, 800 at .93; 300
at 1.20.
C.A.E.—215 at 2.40; 100 at 2.45; 750
at 2.45, 400 at 2.47; 100 at 2.49; 300
at 2.45.
Commonwealth—200 at .50.
Delaware—1,000 at 12, 200 at 14.
Eastcast—400 at 1.10, 1,650 at 1.30.
Fabron—300 at .04%; 400 at .05%;
McDouall Ex.—1,000 at 31; 3,000 at
32, 1,000 at 32%; 1,000 at 33.
M.A.T.—200 at 1.10.
Mayland—600 at 1.50.
Meridian—1,600 at .94, 350 at .98.
Metals—200 at 1.10.
McDouall Ex.—1,000 at 31; 3,000 at
32, 1,000 at 32%; 1,000 at 33.
Metals—200 at 1.10.
Neway—100 at 7.90, 870 at 7.95; 370
at 7.97.
Pend Oreille—300 at .50 at 1.20.
Pioneer—100 at 1.10.
Ranier—1,000 at 1.00, 1,000 at 1.04; 1,000 at 1.05.
Rockwood—200 at 1.10, 2,000 at 1.11.
United—500 at 82.

Big Missouri—300 at 60.
Cork Province—300 at .04%.
Georgian River—1,000 at 1.10; 4,000 at
12.50; 1,800 at 14, 200 at 18.
Goldena—3,400 at 77.
Los Angeles—Vancouver—300 at .75; 300
at 1.20.
Garrett Gold—500 at 19.
Gulf—1,000 at 1.00.
Home—1,000 at 1.00, 1,000 at 1.04.
Karmot—500 at 19.
Laramie—1,000 at 1.00.
Norite Pipe—4,900 at 40.
Oregon Copper—4,900 at 40.
Pend Oreille—300 at 1.25, 50 at 1.30.

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NICKEL CONTROL NOW IN BRITAIN?

English Buying Through Slump May Have Moved It From This Continent

The profit-making possibilities of the International Nickel Co. of Canada have attracted the attention of speculators not only throughout the entire Dominion of Canada, the United States and Great Britain, but all over the world, says The Financial Post.

As soon as the United States shareholders held control of the stock, but as Canadians became increasingly aware of the possibilities of the company, a large following was developed in this country. The Mond shareholders in England also became enthused with the picture and in the two years preceding the merger of the two concerns, Nickel and Mond, stood control of International Nickel was said to have passed into Canadian and British hands.

It is stated that English buying that began in September was well sustained throughout the entire slump. There is no doubt but that many Canadians and Americans carrying nickel on margin have been forced to liquidate heavily and it would seem that control of the stock may now be centred in English hands.

MONEY MARKET
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Money, 3 per cent. Discount rates: Short bills, 4 1/2% @ 4 1/2; 7-8 per cent; three-months' bills, 4 3/4 per cent.

AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Call money, firmer, 5 1/2 per cent daily.

Time loans, steady; thirty days, 4 3/4 @ 5; sixty-nine days, 4 3/4 @ 5; four-six months, 4 3/4 @ 5.

Prime commercial paper, 5 1/2-2.

Bankers' acceptances, firmer, thirty days, 4 1/8 @ 4; sixty-nine days, 4 1/8 @ 4; four months, 4 1/8 @ 4; five-six months, 4 1/8 @ 4.

BANK RATE DOWN

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—The National Bank of Denmark will reduce its discount rate from 5 1/2 to 5 per cent, beginning on December 27.

CONSOLIDATION PLAN DROPPED

California Crude Oil Figures Likely to Be Disappointing—Reorganization of Trolley Properties

DECREASE SHOWN IN FREIGHT LOADINGS

(Branson, Brown & Co., Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Whitney's financial expert says: While the market session prior to the Christmas holiday constituted an important contribution to the advance which started in the double bottom, it is simply one of those normal holiday sessions in which the day's work can be literally "counted out" as to its value in any market analysis.

Seven thousand men yesterday returned to work at the Studebaker Auto Co., where a force of about 2,000 has been on duty during the taking of the annual inventory, and the hull of the motor car market. By February the company expects to add 10,000 to the number of heavy vehicles.

F. S. Burroughs, president of the Public Utility Holding Corporation of America, commenting yesterday on recent reports regarding the investment policy of the company, said the corporation was not an investment trust, since its policy was to acquire relatively large interests in comparatively few enterprises, although its present investments probably would all consist of heavy mineral interests.

Official figures of crude oil production in the United States, due tonight or tomorrow morning from the American Petroleum Institute, are likely to be disappointing as regards California, according to preliminary figures from that state, indicating an increase of approximately 10 per cent over last year.

California oil operators appear to be having some difficulty in keeping to their pro-rating programme.

This, of course, is complicated by the figure of 230 in Dow Jones Industrial.

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Captain Johnson Was Boy On Ammunition Transport During the Crimea War

"I remember visiting the hospitals in the Australian trade, carrying wool to England. I sailed around Australia twice, and left Sydney one trip on the service of the Red Admiral Goodenough who was slain and eaten by the Solomon Islanders, and sailed by their island shortly after."

Captain Johnson recalled being at Jamaica during the American Civil War, when that port was a hive of great activity, thronged with privates running the blockade. There were no tugs at the time, only twelve, in fact, serving my first year's apprenticeship at sea as cabin boy on the brig Flyer, of South Shields, transporting ammunition from Woolwich Arsenal to Constantinople for the Allied troops. It was Florence Nightingale, who was caring for the wounded, that made and revolutionizing conditions for soldiers wounded on active service. With her were seventy other nurses, all dressed in white, and some of the scenes I saw there are still vivid in my memory.

"I was born in Hulwick, in the Shetlands, in 1842. Here is the date of my master's certificate issued by the Board of Trade. You can imagine the captain, producing the parchment certificate issued to the British Merchant Marine at one time. 'There isn't a black mark on it, either.' And there's sixty years of sailing all over the world, without losing one man at sea or losing a single soul. The only damage I ever experienced was the loss of a mast in a hurricane. Two men only died on my vessels, and both had been discharged as incurable from hospitals, I learned later, in the possession of opium, addic, and whisky poisoned the other."

TO SEA IN 1854

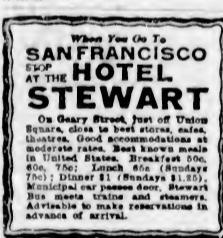
"I went to sea first in 1854, during the latter days of the Crimean war, and served in all capacities for sixteen years. My first voyage, which you can see, was the ship William Miles of Bristol. She was seventy-five years old when I took charge of her, built of oak and iron. Shortly after I left her to captain the clipper ship Thunderbolt, the William Miles was wrecked, which is the luck of a ship. With the Thunderbolt I sailed around the world a number of times. I became part owner of her and remained in charge for twenty years and three months. The Thunderbolt was wrecked."

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Effective December 2, 1929, the service will be: From Victoria, 7:15 a.m. Monday, to Ganges via the Gulf Islands. From Ganges, 7 a.m. Tuesday, to Victoria via the Gulf Islands. From Victoria, 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, to Ganges via the Gulf Islands. From Victoria, 7:15 a.m. Thursday, to Victoria via the Gulf Islands. From Ganges, 7 a.m. Friday, to Vancouver via the Gulf Islands. From Vancouver, 7:15 a.m. Saturday, to Victoria via the Gulf Islands. The Ss Princess Royal will leave Victoria, 11 a.m. Tuesday, to Vancouver via the Gulf Islands.

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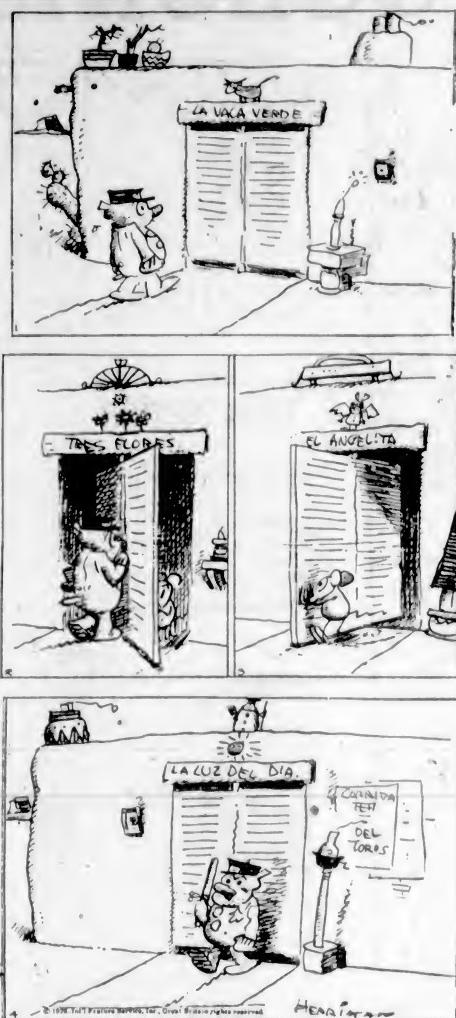
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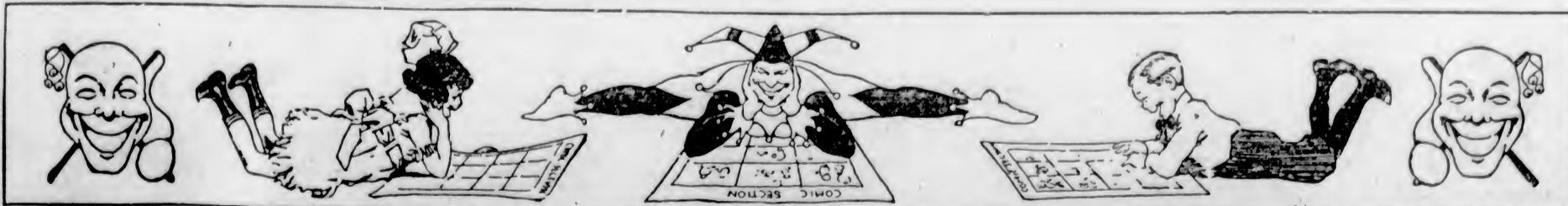
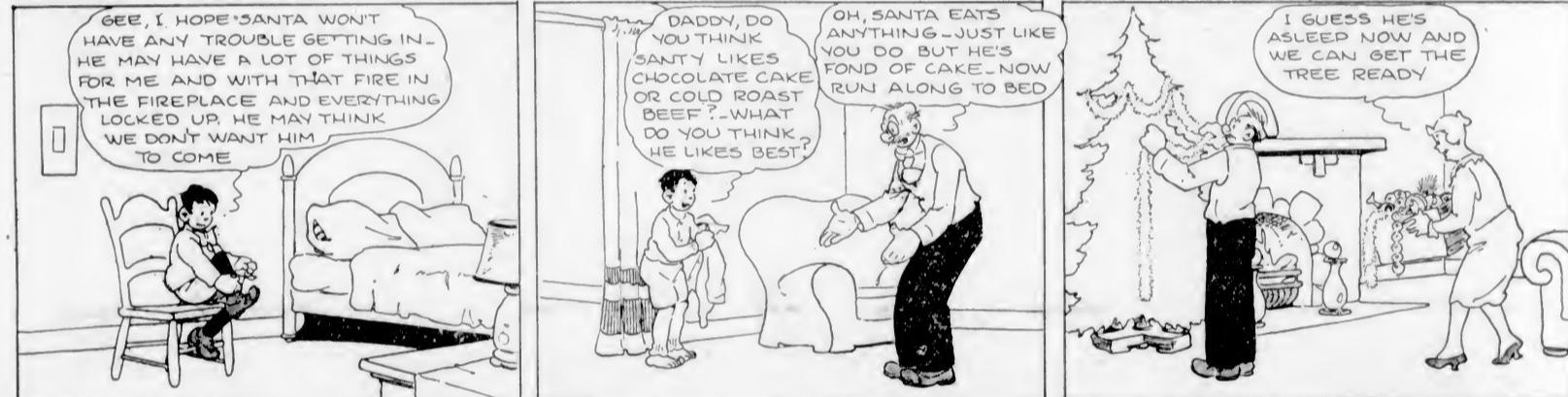
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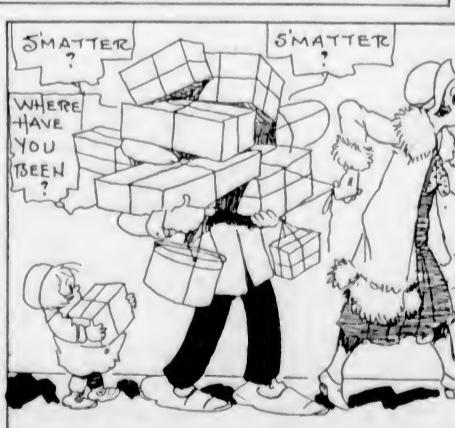
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The Art of Losing Things

By C. M. PAYNE



Christmas Presentations Arranged by NBC Network

Programmes From Holland, Germany and England Will Be Outstanding Feature for Radio Fans in Today's Entertainment Over Air

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Radio engineers in widely separated quarters of the globe are bringing every effort to assure the success of a Christmas Day experiment, in which the National Broadcasting Company will attempt to relay in one day three overseas relays from Holland, Germany and England and to transmit twice abroad.

"Only the forces of nature can upset the carefully synchronized network of invisible radio waves linking America with three European nations," declares C. W. Horn, NBC's general engineer of research and development. "This planned attempt may be compared with a flyer's hop-off into the unknown. Weeks and days before the start mechanics and ground experts must check and recheck the reliability of every detail. At the last moment this complex organism is facing the winds of chance hoping no unforeseen calamity will render all preparations useless. But such is science."

"It is now under favorable circumstances that such forethought practically assures success. The myriad details of technical equipment and the working out of running schedules are under way at Riverhead, Long Island, the meeting-point, and also in Holland, Germany and England. Every day and night radio engineers are bending over tell-tale charts and graphs which represent atmospheric conditions over the Atlantic Ocean. These are being compared with reports from the United States, the Geodetic Survey on this side and with the findings of the Cheltenham Magnetic Observatory in hopes that the comparison will give the final hint as to the best wave lengths.

"Every circuit here and abroad is being tested and selected so that radio listeners in the United States may hear the programmes from abroad with the same clearness which marks local network broadcasts. Skilled men are manipulating especially developed apparatus designed to overcome difficulties in receiving from far West as Denver. The rebroadcasts from Germany and England will be released through N.B.C. station KHFQ, Spokane; KOMO, Seattle; KGW, Portland; KOMO, San Francisco, and KFI, Los Angeles. The English programme, however, will be heard in the Far West only from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Stations KGO, Oakland; KHQ, Spokane; KOMO, Seattle; KGW, Portland; KOMO, San Francisco, and KFI, Los Angeles, will broadcast the 8:00 a.m. programme from America to England and Holland. No Pacific Coast stations will release the December 26 programme for European wire must be flawless at the last.

By Starlight Is Theme To Be Heard Over NBC

"By Starlight," dramatic sketch portraying the birth of the Christ Child, will be the first of two sketches which will be heard during the Christmas Day broadcast of the Westinghouse Salute through N.B.C. system stations between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Joseph Granby, Florence Malone and Richard Gordon are in the cast of "By Starlight."

The second sketch, "Some Counted Blessings," will be enacted by Allyn Joslyn, Josephine Hill, Virginia Gardner and Humphrey Whitney.

During this Westinghouse Salute to the electrical home the music will include Schubert's "Ave Maria," Handel's "Largo" the Andante from Dvorak's "New World Symphony," Gounod's "The Lord Is Bright," the Air Is Fair, and "Metamorphosis" by Bohm. Cesare Sodero will conduct the fifty-piece symphony orchestra and the forty-voice chorus.

Pedro de Cordoba will appear as the "Voice of the Interludes." The second sketch, "Some Counted Blessings," will be enacted by Allyn Joslyn, Josephine Hill, Virginia Gardner and Humphrey Whitney.

This presentation will be heard from coast to coast over the following associated stations of the N.B.C. system: KOA, Denver; KGO, San Francisco, and KOMO, Seattle.

Symphony Orchestra

Christmas will be the theme of the special programme which the Cheltenham Little Symphony Orchestra, directed by Guy Fraser, will present during the Halsey-Stuart programme to be heard through the N.B.C. system tonight at 8 p.m.

"If Christendom is to be reborn the church must be supernal," Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin.

"Too easy success means stagnation of real worth," Booth Tarkington.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Rochester Civic Orchestra Presents Programme Over Network Today

"Carillon," from Bizet's "L'Arlesienne," Suite, features the Christmas concert, the Rochester Civic Orchestra, directed by Guy Fraser Harrison, will broadcast from the studios of WHAM, Rochester, when the Stromberg-Carlson programme is presented through the N.B.C. system tonight at 7:30 o'clock, P.S.T.

The coast-to-coast feature presents Geraldine Rhodes Traver singing "O Thou That Testest Good Tidings," from "The Messiah" by Handel. The programme details follow: Polonaise from "Christmas Eve Suite" (Rimsky-Korsakoff); "Carillon" from "L'Arlesienne" Suite (Bizet); "O Thou That Testest Good Tidings," from "The Messiah" (Handel); vocal solo, Geraldine Rhodes Traver, "Saint Night"; string orchestra, Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah" (Handel).

Stations associated with the N.B.C. system broadcasting this programme are: KOA, Denver; KSL, Salt Lake City; KGO, San Francisco; KFI, Los Angeles; KGW, Portland; KOMO, Seattle, and KHQ, Spokane.

RADIO MATINEE

"Pruella, or Love in a Dutch Garden," a fantasy in three acts by Laurence Housman and Granville Barker, will be heard in an adapted by Vernon Radcliffe during the Radio Guild's matinee broadcast through the N.B.C. system, 1 p.m. (P.S.T.).

The play tells the story of Prue, a young girl who lives, ignorant of the world and in seclusion, with her three aunts, Prim, Prude and Privacy. She glimpses over a garden fence the play of a band of traveling minstrels, is serenaded by him, and runs away with him to become his Pierrette. With

Radio Broadcastings

By Courtesy of Radio Doings

Wednesday's Programme

C.P.C.T., Victoria, B.C. (1250 m. 680K)—8:15 p.m. C.P.C.T. offers the following Christmas "Bingo" programme presented by Captain Clegg, with selection, "Around the Christmas Tree." (Tobin); "Star of Bethlehem"; "The Star of Bethlehem"; "The Star of Bethlehem"; a concert waltz, "Over the Waves." (Horn); the ballad music from "Rose-Golden" (Goddfrey). 7:15. The night's forecast: Christmas readings; the West Coast Information Service. "Lorie Weich" and "The Girl in the Moon" (Dolores of Expression presents Charles Dickens immortal "Christmas Carol"; carol sing-along. 7:30. The "Golden Hour" (National Broadcasting Company)—7:30. "National Broadcasts" 7:30. "The Cabin Door" 7:30-6. "West Coast Broadcasts" 7:30-7. "KODA" 7:30-8. "KODA" 7:30-9. "KODA" 7:30-10. "KODA" 7:30-11. "KODA" 7:30-12. "KODA" 7:30-13. "KODA" 7:30-14. "KODA" 7:30-15. "KODA" 7:30-16. "KODA" 7:30-17. "KODA" 7:30-18. "KODA" 7:30-19. "KODA" 7:30-20. "KODA" 7:30-21. "KODA" 7:30-22. "KODA" 7:30-23. "KODA" 7:30-24. 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